



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: March 20, 2017

SUBJECT: California College Promise Innovation Grant Program		Item Number: 2.4	
		Attachment: Yes (2)	
CATEGORY:	Student Services and Special Programs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Pamela D. Walker, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

ISSUE: The purpose of this item is to seek the Board of Governors' approval to award California College Promise Innovation grants to the recommended districts.

BACKGROUND: On December 16, 2016, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office released a request for applications (RFA) for the California College Promise Innovation Grant program. This program provides \$15,000,000 in Proposition 98 funds to implement new or expand existing College Promise programs. Generally speaking, College Promise programs are partnerships which align local K-12 school districts, community colleges, and public university segments designed to provide clear pathways for students to follow in order to achieve their educational goals. The programs should also improve college readiness, access, and the overall success of its participants.

The objectives of the programs as defined in California Educational Code and detailed in the RFA are:

1. Partner with one or more school districts to establish an Early Commitment to College Program that is consistent with the intent of Article 6.3 (commencing with Section 54710) of Chapter 9 of Part 29 of Division 4 of Title 2 to provide K-12 students and families assistance that includes, but is not limited to, learning about college opportunities, visiting campuses, taking and completing college preparatory courses, and applying for college and financial aid. **(Background cont.)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board approve the California College Promise Innovation Grant recipients as recommended in this agenda item.

(Background cont.)

2. Partner with one or more school districts to support and improve high school student preparation for college and reduce postsecondary remediation through practices that may include, but are not limited to:
 - Small learning communities,
 - Concurrent/dual enrollment,
 - Informational outreach activities that encourage high school students to complete college preparatory courses, particularly in English and Mathematics,
 - Support services for high school students,
 - Early and sustained support for maximizing local, state, and federal financial aid.
3. Utilize evidence-based placement and student assessment indicators at the community college district that include multiple measures of student performance, including grades in high school courses, overall grade point averages, results from common assessments, and input from counselors.
4. Provide students who are enrolled at the community college district with access to courses, including, but not limited to, priority registration, and allowing them to register for a full academic year of courses at once, in order to keep them on track to graduate, transfer to a public postsecondary university, or earn a career technical education certificate in California.
5. Provide outreach to students who are enrolled at a community college(s) within the community college district regarding the Associate Degrees for Transfer and the California Community College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant program.

The Chancellor's Office received 51 applications for the California Promise Innovation Grant, showing a strong interest in the objectives of the program. The \$15 million one-time appropriation allows us to fund 14 districts. Of the fifty-one applications received, the top 14 ranked districts are being recommended for funding (Attachment 2) to the Board for approval to award.

ATTACHMENTS:

- California College Promise Innovation Grant Program Overview
- Recommended Districts to Award

GRANT AGREEMENTS: The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office proposes to enter into 14 grant agreements (16-041-001 through 16-041-014) with community college districts. Each grant amount awarded is identified on attachment 2, with the total amount of the grants not to exceed \$15,000,000.00. The term of these grants will be May 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.