



Implementation Guidance: Student Success Completion Grant

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I. DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 840, the 2018 Budget Act education trailer bill, was signed by the Governor on June 15, 2018, and includes language initiating a new grant program for Community College students. The program consolidates the Full Time Student Success Grant (FTSSG) and the Community College Completion Grant (CCCG) into one new grant called the Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG). This new program provides \$131.844 million in funding to the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to provide for a capstone grant for the 2018-19 year (anticipated ongoing funding) to community college Cal Grant B and C recipients who have enrolled in at least 12 units per term. All 114 California Community Colleges are expected to participate.

It should be noted that the legislature and Governor acknowledged in passing the amendments in the Education Trailer Bill referenced above, sought to simplify and streamline the administration of the program to better serve the needs and interests of full time students in completing their education goals. When implementing the amended provisions, colleges are reminded to honor the intent of this legislation. Amendments include:

- No requirement to monitor a complicated multi-year student education plan
- No specific rules for additional required coursework
- Allows for change of majors and pre-requisites
- Simplifies progress made by aligning new program with federal SAP

There is an inherent connection to the former FTSSG, CCCG and thus the Cal Grant B and C awards administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). In order to avoid any student or college staff confusion regarding this program, the trailer bill has titled the new grant program the "**Student Success Completion Grant**" (SSCG) program.