



TO: Chief Student Services Officers
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FROM: Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy
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RE: Native American Student Support and Success Program Overview

Assembly Bill 183 appropriates \$30 million in one-time funding to the California Community Colleges (CCC) to establish the “Native American Student Support and Success Program” (NASSSP) to: (1) strengthen K-12 pathways to and through the CCC system for Native American students; (2) ensure the educational success of Native American students; (3) develop Native American leaders; and (4) increase the number of Native American mentors to empower future generations. [Ed Code 79520\(a\)](#). The Chancellor’s Office “may enter into agreements with up to 20 community colleges” for the purpose of developing local NASSSP and “shall prioritize awarding grants to community colleges with the highest number of Native American Students.”. [Ed Code 79520\(c\)\(1\) and 79520\(d\)\(2\)](#). This memorandum will provide an update for the design of NASSSP, including the two-step approach the Chancellor’s Office takes to determine the final 20 community colleges for this investment.

Grantee Selection Criteria and Process

The Chancellor’s Office is taking a two approach to determine the final 20 community colleges for this investment. First, the Chancellor’s Office takes a quantitative approach and determine 30 eligible colleges based on the number of American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) population and the equity gaps for the AIAN students on campus. Second, the Chancellor’s Office finalizes grantee colleges by selecting the top 20 eligible colleges that commit to support AIAN student success by implementing the NASSSP on campus and complying with the statutory requirements of the program.

Step One: Selection Criteria for Eligible Colleges

The Chancellor’s Office uses the following section criteria to determine the 30 eligible colleges:

- 1.** High Opportunity – high number of AIAN population

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- a.** The number of American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) population by district service area, and
 - b.** The average number of local CCC student head count who are AIAN over the past six academic years.
- 2.** High Need – Large equity gaps experienced by AIAN population.
 - a.** Course success rates, in the past four academic years,
 - b.** All cohort students who persisted from first primary term of enrollment to subsequent primary term,
 - c.** All cohort students attained the Vision Goal completion definition within three years, and
 - d.** All cohort students transferred to a four-year postsecondary institution within four years.

Step Two: Letters of Interest and Grantee Selection

The Chancellor's Office sent a notice of eligibility to 30 colleges on March 7, 2023 and encouraged all eligible colleges to submit a Letter of Interest, through the Chancellor's NOVA system, by April 7, 2023. The Letter of Interest outlined the Legislation of what campuses will need to deliver to be awarded the grant. Based on the Letters of Interest received, please refer to Appendix A for the list of grantees for NASSSP Phase one funding.

Grant Allocation Details

The Chancellor's Office will allocate program investment in two phases. In Phase 1, every grantee college will receive \$600,000 each in June 2023. As a condition of receiving Phase 1 funding, grantee colleges shall submit a satisfactory program plan in NOVA by November 2023 and an annual report by July 1, 2024. The Chancellor's Office will release details regarding the program plan and the annual report soon.

The Chancellor's Office will finalize its funding decision regarding NASSSP Phase 2 (\$18M in total) before July 2025. As a condition of receiving Phase 2 funding, grantees shall continue to submit annual plans from 2023-2028.

Program Requirements and Support Resources

The Chancellor's Office hosted a webinar on March 28, 2023. The webinar informed the 30 California Community Colleges of the grant criteria, selection of the 20 colleges, the resources available to the colleges, and the funding schedule. The Chancellor's Office will deploy additional resources to provide differentiated support to aid and assist the 20 colleges in the development of the NASSSP on their campuses.

If you have any questions regarding this memo or the NASSSP funding, please contact Julie Olson, Specialist – Equitable Student Learning, Impact, & Experience at Jolson@cccoco.edu.

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DISTRICTS/COLLEGES RECEIVING NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS PROGRAM GRANT PHASE 1: \$600,000 (PER COLLEGE)

District	College
BUTTE	BUTTE COLLEGE
KERRN	BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE
KERRN	CERRO COSO COLLEGE
LOS RIOS	AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE
LOS RIOS	COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE
LOS RIOS	FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE
LOS RIOS	SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE
MENDOCINO-LAKE	MENDOCINO COLLEGE
MT. SAN ANTONIO	MT.SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
MT. SAN JACINTO	MT. SAN JACINTO COLLEGE
PALOMAR	PALOMAR COLLEGE
REDWOODS	COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS
SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE
SAN JOAQUIN	SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COLLEGE
SANTA CLARITA	COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
SIERRA	SIERRA COLLEGE
SONOMA	SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE
SOUTHWESTERN	SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE
STATE CENTER	FRESNO CITY COLLEGE
YOSEMITE	MODESTO COLLEGE