



California Community Colleges



Student Support Block Grant

Office Hours

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AGENDA

- Overview of the Student Support Block Grant (SSBG)
- Funding Structure and Distribution
- Spending Guidelines (Allowable Uses)
- Timeline for Expenditures
- Reporting
- Questions?



Student Support Block Grant - Overview

- Established in the 2025-26 Budget Act via AB 123, Section 27
- Provides \$60M in One-Time General Fund dollars
- Allocated to all CCC districts
- Purpose:
Designed to strengthen student support, workforce readiness and implementation efforts related to California's Master Plan for Career Education and Vision 2030 goals.

Vision 2030 Alignment

This Funding Supports:

- Equity in Access
- Equity in Success
- Equity in Support

This Funding Strengthens:

- Basic Needs Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Workforce & Career Pathways
- Student-Parent Support
- Focused Support for Disproportionately Impacted Student Groups

This is a stabilizing investment during a challenging fiscal period, ensuring colleges can continue active outreach and maintain student-centered support.

How Funds Were Allocated

- Base Allocation
 - \$150k to each college
- Remaining Funds Based on Equal Weighting (2023-24 data):
 - Total Student Headcount
 - Number of students receiving:
 - CA Promise Grant
 - Nonresident Tuition Exemption (AB 540)

See [Student Support Block Grant Allocation and Guidance Memo](#) for SSBG District Allocations

Funds Distribution

- Disbursed through apportionments
- Beginning with P1 Scheduled Payments (Feb 2026)
 - The anticipated date for the State Controller's Office to release the initial payment is February 27, 2026.
- There is no application or additional request required.

Spending Guidelines & Legislative Intent

Allowable Expenditures:

- Food, housing, transportation and basic needs
- Childcare subsidies or assistance for student-parents
- Financial aid advising or academic counseling
- Legal and other support services
- Mental Health Services
- Job placement, work-based learning, reemployment support

The Legislature intends districts to align these funds with existing programs such as:

- Basic Needs Centers
- Mental Health Services
- Financial Aid Outreach
- Student Equity & Achievement
- HSI Programs
- Other equity-focused initiatives
- Funding is meant to strengthen and stabilize existing supports, not create unnecessary new hurdles for students

Spending Guidelines & Legislative Intent

Common Non-Allowable Expenditures with Proposition 98 Categorical Funding

- **Gifts**
 - Public funds may not be used for gifts or monetary awards of any kind.
 - Direct aid, such as gas/food vouchers for Basic Needs Centers and/or Student Emergency Fund Program, are permitted; make sure to work with Financial Aid to ensure students are not penalized.
- **Stipends for Student Participation**
 - Funds cannot be used to pay stipends to incentivize student participation in program, events, or classroom activities.
 - Funds may be used to pay for student employment to support existing student support programs.
- **Political Contributions**
- **Supplanting**
 - Replacing or backfilling existing operational budgets.
 - Paying for ongoing staffing or programs the college is already obligated to fund.
- **Capital Outlay or Construction**
- **Courses or Instructional Delivery**
 - Paying for instructional salaries or creating courses that generates apportionment/full-time equivalent students (FTES).
- **Entertainment, Hospitality/Meals (unrelated to basic needs), or Travel Not Connected to Allowable Activities**

Spending Guidelines & Legislative Intent

Reminders:

- Ultimately, colleges and districts are responsible for expenditure decisions.
- All expenditures should be reasonable and justifiable.
 - “Reasonable” means expenditures are prudent and every effort is made to utilize funds efficiently.
 - “Justifiable” means expenditures are consistent with the intent and services related to the SSBG.
- Document expenditures and include justifications.
- Audits may be conducted by the California Bureau of State Audits, the Chancellor's Office, or other government agencies with a lawful interest in the expenditure of funds.
- Track expenditures to align with reporting requirements to help prepare for annual report.

Deadlines and Reporting

Timeline to Expend Funds

- June 30, 2029

Reporting Requirements

- Districts must submit an annual report
- By **Dec 31, 2026** (and by Dec. 31 of **each year** thereafter until Dec. 31, 2029)

Include:

- Summary of how funds were used
- Types of services provided
- Number of students served
- Any available academic outcomes data

Reporting Approach

- Alchemer Survey Platform
- Survey format for expenditures and outcomes
- Primarily categorical reporting such as:
 - Salaries and benefits
 - Supplies
 - Contracts
 - Direct student assistance
- Details to come Summer 2026



QUESTIONS?



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