STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
July 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the College Reach-Out Program Funding Recommendations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.34, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The College Reach-Out Program (CROP) was established in 1983 by the Florida Legislature to motivate and prepare students (grades 6–12) from low-income educationally disadvantaged backgrounds towards pursuing and successfully completing postsecondary education. Participants are students who otherwise would be unlikely to seek admission to a postsecondary institution without special support and recruitment efforts.

In 2014-2015, CROP served approximately 3,500 students through six state universities, thirteen community colleges, and three independent postsecondary educational institutions. Since the program began in 1983, CROP has served approximately 193,500 students. CROP serves a diverse student population that includes African American, Hispanic, White, Asian, American Indian, and multiracial groups.

According to Section 1007.34(3), Florida Statutes, to participate in the College Reach-Out Program, a postsecondary educational institution may submit a proposal to the Department of Education. Program funds are appropriated by the Legislature to the Department of Education and allocated through a competitive process. Section 1007.34(9) Florida Statutes, stipulates that members of the CROP Advisory Council review the proposals and recommend to the State Board of Education an order of priority for funding the proposals.

In June, 2016, the process of reviewing the 2016-2017 CROP proposals and recommending funding levels were completed for the 11 proposals submitted. The funding recommendations are included in the Prioritized Funding List, which is being presented for State Board approval.

The 2016-2017 state appropriation for CROP is $1,000,000, subject to state budget approval, and participating postsecondary institutions are required to match the state appropriation with cash and in-kind services.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2016-2017 CROP Prioritized Funding List

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The 2016-17 RFP for the College Reach-Out Program included a section entitled "Project Narrative Components and Scoring Criteria." Applicants were required to respond to weighted questions that were based on a 100 point scale. Applicants had to earn a minimum of 70 points to be considered eligible for funding. Section 1007.34, F.S., requires that appointed members of the advisory council review, recommend and submit to the State Board of Education an order of priority for funding the proposals. When selecting proposals, this statute indicates that the State Board of Education is to consider and determine which proposals to implement as programs and will give preference to institutions that include the following components:

    (a) Proposals submitted jointly by two or more eligible postsecondary educational institutions.
    (b) A program that will use institutional, federal, or private resources to supplement state appropriations.
    (c) An applicant that has demonstrated success in conducting similar programs.
    (d) A program that includes innovative approaches, provides a great variety of activities, and includes a large percentage of low-income educationally disadvantaged minority students in the college reach-out program.
    (e) An applicant that demonstrates commitment to the program by proposing to match the grant funds at least one-to-one in cash or services, with cash being the preferred match.
    (f) An applicant that demonstrates an interest in cultural diversity and that addresses the unmet regional needs of varying communities.

The preference components listed above were included throughout the 2016-17 RFP. Applicants were requested to provide responses to support the preference components in addition to other required components as indicated in Section 1007.34, F.S.

Members of the advisory council reviewed and scored the responses of each proposal. The final score of a proposal was determined by the average score of three reviewers' ratings of the same proposal. Upon the completion of this process a Priority Funding List is developed.

The Priority Funding List includes a list of projects that are listed in the order of their final score. <u>This order determines the order of priority of funding</u>. The Priority Funding List is presented to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education should use the Priority Funding List when considering and determining which projects to implement as programs.

Explanation of recommended funding amounts
The final scores of each proposal are included in the table below. The table below begins with the highest scored proposal and ends with the lowest scored proposal. The table also includes the requested funding amount from each project.

The 2016-2017 state appropriation for CROP is $1,000,000.

The following steps/calculations were conducted to determine the recommended funding amounts:

Step 1: <u>The final scores of each project are rounded off. (See Column A)</u>
      112.1(**112**), 108.9(**109**), 107.8(**108**), 107.3(**107**), 105.8(**106**), 101.8(**102**), 100.1(**100**), 99.8(**100**), 97.5(**98**), 94.3(**94**), 86.8(**87**)

Step 2: <u>The mean value of the final scores are determined.</u>
      The rounded off final scores are added together to determine the sum: 112 +109+ 108 + 107 + 106 + 102 + 100+ 100 + 98+ 94 +87 = **1123**
      The sum is divided by the number of projects (11): **1123/11= 102**

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Step 3: <u>The remaining variables to include when determining the recommended funding amount is calculated.</u>
Divide the number of projects that have a rounded final score of 102 or more (**6**) by the total number of projects (**11**)
6 divided by **11** =.54   The percentage amount is **54%**

Step 4: <u>Use the percentage amount and the requested amount to determine the proposed recommended funding amounts.</u>
A percentage (**Column C**) of the requested dollar amount (See Column B) will be used for each project.
The proposed funding recommendation for the first project listed will be 54% of their requested funding amount.
The proposed funding recommendations for each project thereafter will be <u>1 percent less than the project listed above them</u>.
For example: (See Column C)
Miami Dade College is the next project listed, the recommended funding amount will be 53% of their requested amount (1 percent less than the previous project listed.
Florida State College @ Jacksonville is the next project listed and they will be recommended for 52 % of their requested funds.

Project Name	Column A Final Score (Rounded)	Column B Amount Requested	Column C % of amount requested	Column D Proposed Amount Recommended
St. Petersburg College (Tampa Bay Consortium)	112	$518,088.00	54%	$279,767.52
Miami Dade College (South Florida Consortium)	109	$260,962.00	53%	$138,309.86
Florida State College @ Jacksonville (Northeast FL Cons.)	108	$219,655.00	52%	$114,220.60
Florida Gulf Coast University	107	$152,319.00	51%	$77,682.69
Florida State University (Big Bend Consortium)	106	$248,153.75	50%	$124,076.87
Indian River State College (R.I.S.E. Consortium)	102	$79,553.00	49%	$38,980.97
University of North Florida	100	$71,477.00	48%	$34,308.96
University of Florida	100	$104,916.86	48%	$50,360.09
University of Central Florida	98	$70,000.00	47%	$32,900.00
Pasco-Hernando State College (Heartland Consortium)	94	$112,525.00	46%	$51,761.50
Flagler College	87	$69,192.00	45%	$31,136.40
TOTALS (Appropriated $1,000,000.00)	**1123**	**$1,906,841.61**		**$973,505.46**
Program Administration /Evaluation Cost				$26,494.54
$ 1,000,000.00 minus $973,505.46 = **$26,494.54**				