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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State University System Presidents  
Florida College System Presidents

**FROM:** Jacob Oliva

**DATE:** July 9, 2021

**SUBJECT: 2021-2022 College Reach-Out Program (CROP) Request for Proposals**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 College Reach-Out Program Request for Proposals (RFP). The CROP was established in 1983 by the Florida Legislature to motivate and prepare students in grades 6–12 from low-income educationally disadvantaged backgrounds toward 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.

According to Section 1007.34(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to participate in the CROP, a postsecondary educational institution may submit a proposal to the FDOE. Program funds are appropriated by the Legislature to the FDOE and allocated through a competitive process. Section 1007.34(9), F.S., states 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.

The 2021-2022 state appropriation for CROP is \$1,000,000, subject to state budget approval. Awarded postsecondary institutions are required to match the state appropriation with cash and in-kind services.

Proposals must be received by the Florida Department of Education no later than **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, July 26, 2021**, per the instructions found in the RFP. The RFP can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/pre-collegiate/>.

Should you have any questions, please contact the CROP Program Office via e-mail at [CROPGRANT2122@fldoe.org](mailto:CROPGRANT2122@fldoe.org).

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