

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of March 15, 2011

ITEM # 21

ITEM TITLE:

Department of Labor Career Pathways Innovation Fund (CPIF) Grants Program

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approval of application for a proposal to the Department of Labor requesting \$5 million for a 3-year Career Pathway Innovation Fund grant for Peralta Community College District to apply as a collaborative with all four colleges in the district; Laney, Alameda, Merritt, and Berkeley.

ITEM SUMMARY:

By applying for a collaborative grant with all four colleges, PCCD will address career pathway programs. Career pathway programs are clear sequences of coursework and credentials that help individuals of varying skill levels earn credentials valued by employers, enter rewarding careers in in-demand and emerging industries and occupations, and advance to increasingly higher levels of education and employment. Career pathways are an approach to linking and coordinating education and training services in ways that enable students to attain such credentials, and which support students in obtaining employment.

Industry Focus Areas: The SGA reserves 65 million for health care pathways. Of the remaining 57 million, the SGA (Solicitation for Grant Application) specifically calls out advanced manufacturing, information technology, law enforcement, wireless and broadband deployment, transportation and warehousing, biotechnology, or other industries demonstrated to be high demand.

Purpose: CPI will fund creation and support for Career Pathway Programs that help individuals with varying skill levels earn credentials valued by employers, enter rewarding careers in in-demand and emerging industries and occupations and advance to increasingly high levels of education and employment. Areas of potential focus for applications include:

1. Secondary to Post-Secondary Education Strategies;
2. Pre-College Bridge Programs that provide low-skilled adults with on-ramps to post-secondary education and training. This is a required component for this SGA.
3. Post-secondary education for individuals to upgrade their skills and attain industry-recognized credentials that are in-demand in the local labor market. This is a required component for this SGA.
4. Community College to 4 year college transition and articulation strategies

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

Department of Labor – Career Pathways Innovation Fund – Categorical Funds – no fiscal impact

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This grant will support successful applicants in developing and implementing career pathway programs in partnership with employers and other relevant organizations in the community. The goals for projects funded under this SGA are to:

- 1) increase the number of individuals who earn credentials that enable them to compete for employment in in-demand and emerging industries and occupations;
- 2) lead to employment for program participants;
- 3) articulate and ease academic and employment transitions, through the implementation of articulation agreements and other activities, for students of different skill levels and at varying academic levels, including students with low English or basic skills proficiency;
- 4) establish multiple entry and exit points for students along the post-secondary education continuum; and,
- 5) create systemic change that will last beyond the grant period by establishing partnerships, agreements, processes, and programs that better connect the education, training, workforce, and supportive services necessary to achieve the preceding four goals, including strengthening the role of the public workforce system in career pathway programs.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVAL

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

Yes _____ No X

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING? (COLLEGE PRESIDENT OR VICE CHANCELLOR)
DEBORAH BUDD, VICE CHANCELLOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? Yes _____ No X IF
"YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.

(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

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Presented and approved by D Budd Date: 3/9/11
Deborah Budd, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW
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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL
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Signature: Wise E. Allen electronically by re Date: 3/11/11
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor