

**PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees Agenda Report**  
**For the Trustee Meeting Date of April 12, 2011**

ITEM # 17

**ITEM TITLE:**

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

**SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Letter of Intent to apply for Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The FIPSE grant will support innovative programs and cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education. It supports reforms, innovations, and significant improvements of postsecondary education that respond to problems of national significance and serve as national models.

Projects designed to address one or more of the following areas:

- Increase the number and proportion of high-need students (as defined in this notice) who persist in and complete college and training.
- Increase the number and proportion of postsecondary students who complete college or other postsecondary education and training and who are demonstrably prepared for successful employment, active participation in civic life, and lifelong learning.
- Enable more data-based decision making projects that are designed to collect (or obtain), analyze, and use high quality and timely data, including data on program participant outcomes, in accordance with privacy requirements.
- Improve postsecondary student outcomes relating to enrollment, persistence, and completion and leading to career success.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

Projects that are designed to significantly increase efficiency in the use of time, staff, money, or other resources while improving student learning or other educational outcomes. Projects may include innovative and sustainable uses of technology, modification of school schedules, and teacher compensation systems, use of open educational resources or other strategies.

**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:**

**EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):**

Department of Education

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

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

**WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?**

Vice Chancellor Deborah Budd

**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.)

**PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:**

**DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:**

Prepared by: Carmen N. Fairley Date: 4/6/11  
Carmen N. Fairley, Staff Services Specialist

**DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:**

Presented and approved by: Deborah Budd Date: 4/6/11  
Deborah Budd, Vice Chancellor for Educational Services

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW**

Finance review required  Finance review not required

If Finance review is required, determination is:  Approved  Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Ron Gerhard electronically by VR Date: 4/7/11  
Ron Gerhard, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

**GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):**

Legal review required  Legal review not required

If Legal review is required, determination is:  Approved  Not Approved

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

**CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL**

Approved, and Place on Agenda  Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: Wise E. Allen Date: 4/7/11  
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor