

**PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees Agenda Report**  
**For the Trustee Meeting Date of January 26, 2016**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Grant acceptance: Cooperating Agencies for Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES), administered by the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

**SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Accept up to \$4.5 million in grant funding over a three-year period. Grants are made to all four Peralta Colleges' EOPS programs to support additional services for foster youth.

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The Peralta Colleges successfully applied for and were awarded the first of three possible years of funding from the Chancellor's Office Cooperating Agencies for Foster Youth Educational Services (CAFYES) Program.

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

The California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) is the administrator of the Cooperating Agencies for Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) program. These are Proposition 98 funds allocated via a competitive process to 10 community college districts across the state. The Peralta Colleges will collectively receive \$1.5 million per year for each of three years, starting in January 2016, pending fund availability.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

In the fall of 2015, the four Peralta Colleges EOPS Managers came together to coordinate a response and application to the California Community College Districts Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) Program. CAFYES was established in 2014 by Senate Bill 1023 (Chapter 771, Statutes of 2014). When enacting this bill, the Legislature found "it is necessary and appropriate to take steps to encourage the enrollment, retention, and transfer of current and former foster youth in California's community colleges by establishing an education program that provides services that promote their academic success. Providing academic support to current and former foster youth in California's community colleges serves a significant governmental and public interest, namely the reduction in poverty and criminal justice involvement among youth who have been in foster care in California."

In November 2015, the Board of Governor's voted to award the four Peralta Colleges \$1.5 million per year for a period of three years (pending funding availability) in CAFYES resources. Peralta is one of only 10 Districts to receive these funds.

**DELIVERABLES AND SCOPE OF WORK:**

The Peralta Colleges proposed to significantly improve the post-secondary enrollment, retention, certificate/degree attainment, and transfer outcomes of current and former foster youth in Alameda County and the region by building Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) capacity and extending internal and external collaborative networks. The Peralta Initiative for Foster Youth Success leverages previous investments in Laney College through the California College Pathways initiative and in College of Alameda through the Foster Youth Success Initiative to scale a successful model of community college/community-based organization partnership.

The Peralta CCD will utilize CAFYES funding to scale its specialized foster youth support services from the current level of 43 students/year to 250 students/year by June 2016, reaching full implementation at 500 students/year by 2017H18. Service strategies to be employed include foster youth-specialized EOPS/CAFYES academic counseling; Beyond Emancipation’s evidence-based coaching and case management model, deeply coordinated with EOPS and delivered on-campus to address students’ barriers to academic success; peer networks established through group activities and dedicated Peer Advisors; and extensive referrals facilitated by participation in the Alameda County College Bridge Collaborative, a cross-sector initiative led by the Alameda County Foster Youth Alliance. A district-wide CAFYES Community of Practice and coordinated data tracking and analysis, outreach and marketing, and professional development will support institutionalization of effective, data-driven practices.

**ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:**

The CAFYES funding is annual, with a likely maximum of three years. The anticipated end date for the funding is 2019.

**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:**

None suggested.

**EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Accept the CAFYES grant funds on behalf of all four of the Peralta Colleges.

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

YES       X                            No                     

**COMMENTS:**

**WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING? (VICE CHANCELLOR)**

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

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**DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:**

Presented and approved by: *Presenter/Approver Signature Here in Script* Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Enter Here - Name of College President, (if originating from a college) or Vice-Chancellor (if originating from the District)]

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Little, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
General Counsel

**CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL**

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

Signature: Jowel C. Laguerre  
Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.