

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
June 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the College Reach-Out Program 2015-2016 Funding Recommendations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.34(9), 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. Funds are appropriated by the Legislature to the Department of Education and allocated through a competitive process to institutions based upon previous measurable outcomes and proposals designed to implement effective intervention strategies.

Section 1007.34(9), Florida Statutes, stipulates that the CROP Advisory Council review the proposals and recommend to the State Board of Education an order of priority for funding the proposals. The CROP Advisory Council met on May 19, 2015, to review the 2015-2016 CROP proposals and recommend funding levels for the 13 proposals submitted. The funding recommendations are included in the Prioritized Funding List, which is being presented for State Board approval.

In 2013-2014, CROP served approximately 3,400 students through six state universities, thirteen community colleges, and three independent postsecondary institutions. Since the program began in 1983, CROP has served approximately 190,000 students. CROP serves a diverse student population that includes African American, Hispanic, White, Asian, American Indian, and multiracial groups. The 2015-2016 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: 2015-2016 CROP Prioritized Funding List

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