

**Action /Information Item**

***California Student Aid Commission***

Consideration of 2011-12 California Student Opportunity and Access Program  
(Cal-SOAP) contracts

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In 2011-12, the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP), along with the California Cash for College Program and the Assumption Programs of Loans for Education (APLE), will continue to receive funds from the Federal College Access Challenge Grant (Challenge Grant). The 2011-12 Challenge Grant allocation for California is expected to be \$14,363,185; a reduction of \$675,645 from 2010-11.

Staff recommends that the Cal-SOAP program appropriation absorb the full amount of the award reduction, as the Cash for College Program receives only a small amount of the total funding (\$463,000) and a reduction to the APLE Program allocation of \$7.2 million would result in an increased cost to the General Fund.

Commission staff recommends a baseline reduction of \$23,682 and an increase of \$3,490 in CTE funds for each consortium which reflects the reduction in federal funding, the 2011-12 Budget Act requirement that designates \$1 million of the Cal-SOAP funds for Career Technical Education (CTE), and the termination of the North Valley Consortium on May 15, 2011. The staff's recommendations, on page 2, also reflect the project directors' previous recommendations to have allocation adjustments prorated as evenly as possible to each consortium.

Project Directors are in the process of finalizing the 2011-12 Annual Program Plans (APP). As in the past, Project Directors are using the proposed allocations in the development of their APPs. If there are any changes to the proposed allocations, the APPs will have to be revised. In the event that a project cannot use all of its allocated funds, Commission staff recommends that the Executive Director be given authority to reallocate the funds as equitably as possible. Once the APP reviews are completed, the Commission staff will prepare the 2011-12 contracts. Once the Project Directors and their Consortium Chairs submit signed contracts, the Executive Director will sign the contracts and direct staff to submit them to the Department of General Services (DGS) for legal review and approval.

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Executive Director to execute the 2011-12 Cal-SOAP contracts totaling \$6,673,317 at the allocation levels recommended by Commission staff and authorize the Executive Director to reallocate funds as equitably as possible if a project cannot utilize all of its allocated funds.

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**Commission Staff Recommendation for  
2011-12 Cal-SOAP Allocations**

	<b>2010-11 Baseline</b>	<b>Baseline Funding Adjustment</b>	<b>Revised Baseline</b>	<b>CTE Phase I *</b>	<b>Revised CTE Phase II</b>	<b>Total Proposed Allocation</b>
Central Coast	299,998	(23,682)	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
Central Valley	299,998	(23,682)	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
East Bay & Solano	784,484	(47,367)	737,117	125,000	149,158	1,011,275
Greater Long Beach	299,998	(23,682)	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
Los Angeles	604,548	(23,682)	580,866	-	55,834	636,700
Merced	299,998	(23,682)	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
North Coast	361,843	(23,682)	338,161	-	55,834	393,995
North Valley	320,412	(320,412)	0	-	(52,344)	0
Sacramento	328,102	(23,682)	304,420	-	55,834	360,254
San Diego/Imperial Counties	908,007	(23,682)	884,325	-	55,834	940,159
San Francisco	299,998	(23,682)	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
San Jose	444,986	(23,682)	421,304	-	55,834	477,138
Santa Barbara	461,571	(23,682)	437,889	-	55,834	493,723
South County Gilroy	335,021	(23,682)	311,339	-	55,834	367,173
South San Joaquin	299,998	(23,682)	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,348,962</b>	<b>(\$675,645)</b>	<b>\$5,673,317</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$875,000</b>	<b>\$6,673,317</b>

\* Commission staff continues to propose that \$125,000 of the CTE funds be used for outreach for the Cash for College workshops.