

Action Item

California Student Aid Commission

Consideration of an interagency agreement with the California Department of Social Services to receive \$803,754,000 from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for the Cal Grant Program

The 2012 State Budget includes \$803,754,000 from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for the Cal Grant Program.

TANF is a federal block grant provided to states to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. The California Department of Social Services (DSS) receives the State's TANF funds. TANF is used in California to fund the CalWorks Program. CalWorks is the state's primary source of cash assistance and work support for California's low income families. TANF funds can be used to fund Cal Grant awards for recipients who are unmarried, are age 25 or younger and have an annual parental/student income at or below \$50,000.

The state mechanism to transfer funds from one state entity to another is contract called an Interagency Agreement. To receive the appropriated TANF funds, we will enter into an interagency agreement with DSS in which we will agree to provide reports on the Cal Grant recipients who are eligible for TANF funds and DSS will transfer the funds to us for the Cal Grant awards.

The Executive Director must obtain approval from the Commission prior to entering into a new contract or executing a contract amendment of over \$100,000.

Recommended Action: The Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the California Department of Social Services to receive \$803,754,000 from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for the Cal Grant Program in 2012-13 and on an ongoing basis subject to future budget appropriations.

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