

Action Item

California Student Aid Commission

**Consideration of 2012-13 California Student Opportunity and Access Program
(Cal-SOAP) contracts**

In 2012-13, 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 be funded through the Federal College Access Challenge Grant (Challenge Grant). The 2012-13 Challenge Grant award amount is not yet available.

Assuming the same amount as in 2011-12, \$14,579,268, we expect Cal-SOAP will be allocated \$6.9 million with the remainder of the federal funds going to Cash for College (\$463,000) and the APLE program (\$7.22 million). One million of the Cal-SOAP funds will continue to be designated for Career Technical Education (CTE). The Cal-SOAP projects have incorporated CTE into the services they provide to students. Commission staff continues to propose that \$125,000 of the CTE funds be used for outreach specific to the Cash for College workshops.

In 2011-12, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to allocate up to \$216,000 for services to the students previously served by the North Valley Cal-SOAP, which had been defunded. Of those funds, the Sacramento Cal-SOAP received \$75,000 for a planning grant to develop a model to expand its service area into part of the North Valley. The Sacramento Project Director has reported good progress and anticipates being able to provide services in that area in 2012-13. The remaining \$141,000 was reallocated to ten consortiums as additional one-time funding.

Based on discussions with the Project Directors, we're recommending allocating the 2012-13 baseline funding at the same level as in 2011-12, with the \$216,000 provided to Sacramento to expand services into the North Valley. We've provided a chart with the recommended 2012-13 allocations assuming a funding level of \$6,889,400. If the Challenge Grant award amount is different, we will provide recommendations on changes in the allocations at a future Commission meeting.

Providing the Project Directors with an allocation now allows them to begin preparing their 2012-13 Annual Program Plans (APP) with the understanding that if there are any changes to the proposed allocations, the APPs will have to be revised.

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to execute the 2012-13 Cal-SOAP contracts totaling \$6,889,400 at the allocation levels recommended by Commission staff and authorize the Executive Director flexibility to reallocate funds as equitably as possible if a project cannot utilize all of its allocated funds.

Responsible Person(s): Janet McDuffie, Chief
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Recommended
2012-13 Cal-SOAP Allocations

	2011-12 Baseline	Baseline Funding Adjustment	Revised Baseline	CTE Phase I *	CTE Phase II	Total Proposed Allocation
Central Coast	276,316	-	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
Central Valley	276,316	-	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
East Bay & Solano	737,117	-	737,117	125,000	149,158	1,011,275
Long Beach	276,316	-	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
Los Angeles	580,866	-	580,866	-	55,834	636,700
Merced	276,316	-	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
North Coast	338,161	-	338,161	-	55,834	393,995
North Valley	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacramento**	304,420	216,083	520,503	-	55,834	576,337
San Diego/Imperial Counties	884,325	-	884,325	-	55,834	940,159
San Francisco	276,316	-	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
San Jose	421,304	-	421,304	-	55,834	477,138
Santa Barbara	437,889	-	437,889	-	55,834	493,723
South County Gilroy	311,339	-	311,339	-	55,834	367,173
South San Joaquin	276,316	-	276,316	-	55,834	332,150
Total	\$5,673,317	\$216,083	\$5,889,400	\$125,000	\$875,000	\$6,889,400

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

**The additional funds given to the Sacramento Cal-SOAP will be used to provide services to students in the area previously served by the North Valley Cal-SOAP.