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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2021-22 Competitive Cal Grant Awards – Important Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards. The Commission is very close to reaching a 100% paid rate for the 2021-22 year and requests institutions to refrain from posting any additional payments to new competitive awardees.

Per California Education Code [Section 69437\(b\)](#), commencing with the 2021-22 academic year, the Commission is authorized to pay 13,000 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards.

- As of June 6, 2022, close to 13,000 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards have been paid to eligible students, requiring Commission staff to closely monitor any subsequent payments.
- Remaining unpaid competitive awards will be withdrawn shortly to minimize the risk of paying awards in excess of the authorized 13,000 awards.
- Requests for reinstatement of withdrawn students will not be processed at this time.
- Please refrain from adding competitive students to the weekly Cal Grant batch payment file.
- Please also refrain from processing any new payments to competitive awarded students who currently have other adjustment reason codes posted such as Leave of Absence (LA) or Less than Half-Time Enrollment (LH), unless a prior payment transaction already exists for the student in the current year.
- If additional competitive awards become available through the weekly reconciliation process, we will communicate the process on how to request additional payments.

Thank you for your support and efforts in maximizing the utilization of all available Competitive Cal Grant awards for the 2021-22 academic year.

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