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SUBJECT: Go Grant for Non-Credit Pilot Proposal

DATE: 05/28/2018

FOR REVIEW AND ADVISEMENT:

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board accept for review and advisement the attached "Go Grant for Non-Credit Pilot, 2018-2019" proposal.

Background: The Go Grant Program is Louisiana's need-based aid program. Developed in the 1990's and administered through the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), the purpose of the program is to provide a need-based component to the State's financial aid plan to support nontraditional and low to moderate-income students who need additional aid to afford the cost of attending college. In 2017-2018, the Go Grant program allocated \$19.3 million to postsecondary institutions in the State. LCTCS institutions received approximately \$2.5 million, which was subsequently awarded to approximately 4,000 for-credit students. Understanding that LCTCS colleges deliver many non-credit ("workforce") programs that can lead to high-demand, high-wage careers in Louisiana and that currently there is very limited financial assistance for students enrolled in such programs, the LCTCS has developed, in consultation with Board of Regents staff, the attached pilot proposal. The proposal stipulates that during the 2018-2019 academic year, LCTCS colleges will "set aside" 25% of their Go Grant allocation for students enrolled in certain non-credit (workforce) training programs. Each college will identify specific non-credit programs for the pilot that are at least 40 contact hours in length and lead to an Industry Based Certification (IBC) from the approved "LCTCS IBC List." No single award will exceed \$3,000 or be less than \$300, per current Go Grant rules. Upon approval by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents, LCTCS and college staff will work with the LOSFA to develop processes to administer the pilot during the 2018-2019 year.

History of Prior Actions: N/A

Fiscal Impact: No new state funds will be utilized for the pilot. Instead, 25% of LCTCS college's 18-19 Go Grant allocation will be redirected to students in certain non-credit (workforce) training programs.

Benefits to the System: A successful pilot will allow the LCTCS to demonstrate that investments in students enrolled in non-credit (workforce) training programs can produce a greater number of Louisiana's with training, skills and credentials that lead to high-wage, high-demand careers in the State of Louisiana.



Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan

Date

Go Grant for Non-Credit Pilot, 2018-2019

The Board of Regents is considering granting LCTCS institutions some flexibility with regards to the use of their Go Grant allocations for the 18-19 academic year. LCTCS colleges are proposing using 25% of their Go Grant allocation for students enrolled in certain non-credit, workforce training programs.

Current Go Grant Program Overview:

According to administrative rules, to be eligible for a Go Grant award, a student must:

- Be a Louisiana resident
- File a FAFSA
- Receive a federal Pell Grant
- Have remaining financial need after deducting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid ("gift aid") from the student's Cost of Attendance (COA)
- Be a student enrolled in an eligible Louisiana institution on at least a half-time basis (minimum 6 hours)

Maximum annual award = \$3,000

Minimum annual award= \$300

Note: Go Grants are only awarded during the fall and spring terms. Go Grant awards are not available for summer terms.

In 2017-2018, LCTCS institutions received approximately \$2.5 million in Go Grant allocation.

Eligibility Requirements for Pilot:

- Be a Louisiana resident
- File a FAFSA and be eligible for a Pell Grant
- Enroll in a non-credit program that is at least 40 contact hours and that leads to an Industry-Based Certification (IBC) from the approved "LCTCS IBC List"

Maximum annual award = \$3,000

Minimum annual award= \$300