

**ILLINOIS CONSORTIUM FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 2005 ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL AWARDS**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** This item recommends the allocation of the anticipated fiscal year 2005 appropriation for financial awards authorized by the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Act. The Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program (ICEOP) provides financial assistance to minority graduate students in Illinois public and private institutions to advance the goal of increasing the number of minority faculty and staff in Illinois colleges and universities.

Governor Blagojevich's fiscal year 2005 budget proposal includes \$2.0 million for ICEOP grants, the same level of funding provided in fiscal year 2004. In fiscal year 2005, this level of funding will support ICEOP awards for 48 new recipients and 113 continuing recipients.

**Action Requested:** That the Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate up to the amount of appropriated fiscal year 2005 funds for grants authorized by the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Act and for awards recommended by the Consortium Board.



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program (ICEOP) provides financial aid to eligible graduate minority students in Illinois public and private institutions. As a condition of the award, a recipient agrees to accept a teaching or non-teaching position in an Illinois higher education institution or governing board, or an education-related position in a state agency equal to the number of years that he or she was a participant in the grant program. This item recommends the allocation of awards for fiscal year 2005, the 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation for the program.

The ICEOP legislation allows the ICEOP award level to be set annually by the Consortium Board. In fiscal year 2005, participants are eligible to receive up to \$12,500 annually for a full-time award and \$6,250 for a part-time award. Doctoral candidates are eligible to receive awards for up to four years and Master's or professional degree enrollees can receive awards for up to two years. The Consortium Board, composed of representatives from the public and private higher education institutions participating in the program, annually conducts the application and selection process to determine awards.

Governor Blagojevich's fiscal year 2005 budget proposal includes \$2.0 million for ICEOP grants, the same level of funding provided in fiscal year 2004. For fiscal year 2005, the Executive Committee of the Consortium Board nominated 48 new awardees and 113 continuing awardees pursuing doctoral or master's degrees. A table that displays the distribution of awards by institution for fiscal year 2005 appears on the following page. In the event that individuals who receive awards do not accept the awards, the funds are awarded to other eligible candidates.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate up to the amount of appropriated fiscal year 2005 funds for grants authorized by the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Act and recommended by the Consortium Board. The allocation shall be to Illinois institutions of higher education that enroll fiscal year 2005 award recipients designated by the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Board.*

Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Act  
 Distribution of Awards\*  
 Fiscal Year 2005

INSTITUTION	NEW AWARDS	CONTINUING AWARDS
Adler School of Professional Psychology	0	1
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	0	2
Chicago State University	2	2
Columbia College of Chicago	4	1
DePaul University	3	7
Illinois State University	1	8
Loyola University Chicago	5	21
Northern Illinois University	2	5
Northwestern University	5	3
Roosevelt University	4	2
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	1
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	2	11
University of Chicago	3	17
University of Illinois at Chicago	9	14
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	7	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>113</b>

\* Distribution subject to change in the event award recipients do not accept award, and the Consortium Board identifies other eligible award recipients.