

Item #17
February 5, 2008

**GENERAL GRANTS
FISCAL YEAR 2008 ALLOCATION**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: Fiscal year 2008 appropriations to the Illinois Board of Higher Education include funds for a grant of \$300,000 to the International Center on Deafness and the Arts (ICODA). This item seeks Board approval to proceed with the general grant procedures required to award the non-designated grant contained in this item.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the fiscal year 2008 allocation of \$300,000 for the International Center on Deafness and the Arts.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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For fiscal year 2008, the Governor and General Assembly appropriated \$300,000 to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for a non-designated general grant to the International Center on Deafness and the Arts. A non-designated grant is an appropriation that specifies the recipient but not the purpose of the grant.

<u>Project/Institution</u>	<u>FY2008 Appropriation</u>
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International Center on Deafness and the Arts	\$300,000
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The \$300,000 appropriation will provide support for the International Center on Deafness and the Arts (ICODA). The mission of the ICODA is to provide educational training in and appreciation of the arts to deaf or hard of hearing children and adults through their participation in and observation of high quality professional artistic endeavors.

Since their inception, the arts programs have touched hundreds of deaf and hard of hearing children, including distinguished individuals such as Academy Award winner Marlee Matlin, Emmy Award winners Liz Tannebaum and Jonalee Folerzynski, and many other gifted individuals who otherwise may not have had an outlet through which to express their talents.

One of the newer programs coordinated by ICODA is a partnership program known as the IOI project. This project is designed to provide a training program to supply teachers of the deaf in the Chicago area, where 80 percent of the deaf children in Illinois reside, along with the professionals who serve them.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the fiscal year 2008 allocation of \$300,000 in General Grants as described above. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to the general grant allocations in the event that appropriated funds are unavailable.