

**GENERAL GRANTS
FISCAL YEAR 2010 ALLOCATION**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: At its August 2009 meeting, the Illinois Board of Higher Education allocated a fiscal year 2010 lump sum appropriation of \$6.8 million to a number of grant programs previously funded by line item appropriations. This item requests approval of the Board to award several general grants and one Higher Education Cooperation Act grant in the amounts allocated by the Board in August 2009. The remaining grants are awarded competitively and, with the exception of the DFI grants, which were approved in June 2009, will be presented to the Board for approval over the course of the fiscal year.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program (CAHMCP)	\$531,000
Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy Excellence 2000+	\$59,000
Quad Cities Graduate Center	\$130,000
u.Select System	\$230,000
University Center of Lake County	<u>\$1,716,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$2,666,000</u>

Due to the reductions in appropriated funds from previous fiscal years, the grant projects directors have reported significant reductions to project activities in the coming year. Unfortunately, the number of students being served by these important projects, many of whom are from underrepresented groups, will be significantly reduced.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve four General Grants and one Higher Education Cooperation Act Grant for fiscal year 2010 totaling \$2,666,000.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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On July 15, 2009, the Governor signed the fiscal year 2010 budget for state agency operations and grants (P.A. 96-0042). The fiscal year 2010 budget includes a lump sum appropriation of \$6.8 million in General Revenue Funds (GRF) to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for grant programs. The approved level of funding for the IBHE grants reflects a 50 percent reduction from the Governor's fiscal year 2010 introduced budget.

The Board allocated the lump sum appropriation to a number of grant programs at its August 2009 meeting, including General Grants and one Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) Grant. Recipients of these grants are required to provide a budget, an annual audit report, a project evaluation, and a completed statement of certification specifying their compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreement. Due to the significant reduction in funds from prior fiscal years, the projects directors have reported significant reductions to project activities in the coming year. Unfortunately, the number of students being served by these important projects, many of whom are from underrepresented groups, will be significantly reduced.

<u>Project/Institution</u>	<u>IBHE Recommendation</u>
Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program	\$531,000

The Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program (CAHMCP) pursues an intervention strategy for the provision of enhanced academic and counseling supports to minorities seeking to be professionals in medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, veterinary science, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, and public health. The CAHMCP provides continual academic reinforcement in mathematics and science; standardized test preparation; focused clinical, research and public policy internships; and highly-individualized career counseling for all program participants at grade levels extending from middle school through the post-baccalaureate years.

Since the summer of 2007, CAHMCP has required all participants to obtain health and safety certification through its Good Health Place (GHP) project. The GHP was instituted as a community service initiative to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) certifications to all CAHMCP participants: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillation (AED), Basic First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens, Childcare and Babysitting Safety (CABS), and Vital Signs Assessment. The GHP has expanded beyond the walls of CAHMCP to include nearly 2,000 Chicago and suburban area citizens who have received one or more BLS certifications, including approximately 200 certifications issued to senior citizens and disabled individuals. The Good Health Place project has given CAHMCP participants an opportunity to deliver meaningful community service to their communities, as well as having access to the more traditional forms of academic support required to prepare them for future entry into the major health professions. The

CAHMCP program received \$900,000 from the IBHE in fiscal year 2009, but will receive only \$531,000 in fiscal year 2010.

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy: Excellence 2000+

\$59,000

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) Excellence 2000+ (E2K+) program is an after-school enrichment program for Illinois students in late elementary (grades 4-5) and in middle school (grades 6-7-8) who are talented, interested, and motivated in mathematics and science, with special emphasis on students historically underrepresented and under-served in mathematics and science. The program also includes a professional development component for participating Illinois teachers.

The IMSA Excellence 2000+ program has four major goals:

- to maintain or increase students' interest, involvement and literacy in science and mathematics;
- to enhance the knowledge and skills of middle school science and mathematics teachers;
- to stimulate excellence in middle schools' science and mathematics programs; and
- to help increase access to programming for students who are historically underrepresented in mathematics and science, and for all areas of the state.

The IMSA E2K+ program received \$100,000 from the IBHE in fiscal year 2009, but will receive only \$59,000 in fiscal year 2010.

Quad-Cities Graduate Center

\$130,000

The mission of the Quad-Cities Graduate Study Center (GradCenter) is to facilitate and support graduate-level educational opportunities to the Quad Cities area. The GradCenter, a bi-state academic consortium, was created in 1969 by members of the business, government, and education communities to increase access to high quality graduate-level programming and foster local economic growth.

The GradCenter plans to expand the "Listening Post Luncheon" program, in which professionals who work in a targeted field (business, engineering, education, social services, and health care) meet with deans and faculty from GradCenter member institutions who teach in those areas. The GradCenter will host employer on-site information sessions to actively promote the GradCenter to groups of persons interested in graduate education, such as recent baccalaureate graduates, persons anticipating early retirement, and those interested in completing non-credit professional update courses. The GradCenter received \$220,000 from the IBHE in fiscal year 2009, but will receive only \$130,000 in fiscal year 2010.

u.Select system

\$230,000

The u.Select system is a web-based, information-access tool that communicates up-to-date information about how coursework from one school will apply toward a degree at another school. The u.Select system allows many student information system functions to be accessed via a web environment, making information typically available only to students enrolled at an institution also available to those interested in attending the institutions, including potential transfer students.

Expansion of the system requires additional licenses for campuses that receive transfer students and/or development of interfaces across student information systems, u.Select, and degree audit systems. These efforts will require additional funding at some point in the future even to maintain participation of “sending” institutions, which previously was available at no cost to the statewide project. Though higher implementation is the primary goal, funding limitations in FY2010 will hinder this effort. The project made good progress over the past year with full implementation completed at Eastern Illinois University and Western Illinois University, where the institutions assumed the costs of internal infrastructure.

Because of insufficient funding, some of the goals of implementation cannot be realized in 2010. Nonetheless, the Project staff are embarking on an ambitious plan to seek institutional participation even without funding support and to enable broader implementation in Illinois and the nation through collaboration. This project was previously funded by HECA grants, and was supported in part by the University of Illinois in fiscal year 2009.

University Center of Lake County

\$1,716,000

The University Center of Lake County (UCLC) was established in 1998 by the IBHE to support baccalaureate degree completion, graduate programs, and professional development opportunities for the citizens and employers of Lake County. This consortium of eight public and 10 private institutions offer degrees and program options in business, computer science/information systems, education, engineering, health care and human services, liberal arts and sciences, library and information science, psychology, technology, and training and development.

Over 70 Baccalaureate, Master’s and Doctoral degrees, 22 certificate programs, and several professional development courses are presently offered by 18 member institutions. Face-to-face and distance learning classes are taught in three different locations in Lake County. 2008-09 enrollments included 5,907 student registrations in over 789 courses. Enrollments have increased in all 12 years of the University Center’s existence.

The University Center’s goals for 2009-10 focus on the implementation of the recently revised University Center of Lake County Strategic Plan for 2009-2012. This plan calls for the bolstering of academic programming, the strengthening of alliances through the community and with IBHE, strengthening the organization, and establishing financial stability. In addition, the Center will renew efforts to expand collaboration and joint programming with the College of Lake County and continued expansion of the UCLC as a full-service conference facility with special emphasis upon professional development for regional businesses and community organizations. The UCLC received \$2,931,900 from the IBHE in fiscal year 2009, but will receive only \$1,716,000 in fiscal year 2010.

TOTAL

\$2,666,000

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the fiscal year 2010 General Grants and the Higher Education Cooperation Act Grant described above. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to the grant awards in the event that appropriated funds are unavailable.

