

**GENERAL GRANTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2011 ALLOCATION**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** This item requests Board approval to award a general grant necessary to implement Board and state education policies.

Senate Bill 1828 was signed into law as Public Act 096-0107, effective July 30, 2009, creating the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System (LDS) Act. The law requires that all non-public institutions of higher education that participate in the Monetary Award Program begin supplying student unit record data directly to the Board of Higher Education or to the Board of Higher Education through a data consortium beginning July 1, 2012.

**Action Requested:** That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve this General Grant to DePaul University for fiscal year 2011 totaling \$205,000.



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Among the provisions of the law is one that allows the Board of Higher Education to make available grant funding to a consortium of non-public institutions of higher learning to provide assistance in the development of a data collection system. While the consortium is still under development, funds are available to develop the assistance program permitted by law. This grant to DePaul University, one of two independent universities that have a long history of participation in the current Illinois Shared Enrollment and Graduation File, will be used to evaluate the needs of institutions for technical assistance and to implement a training program that will assist institutions with data submission and will train them to use the longitudinal data for their own study and evaluation purposes.

Staff recommends that the Board make a grant to DePaul University in the amount of \$205,000 to continue work of the Technical Advisory Group to perform, among others, the following tasks:

- Meet and coordinate with the executive and administrative individuals for ILDS;
- Consider phases of participation. Identify barriers to effective and efficient participation with surveys and regional meetings;
- Support procedures for participation given alternative systems and submission methodologies;
- Sustained regional training teams and investigate support teams for those with specific software systems;
- Work with a ILDS to develop training support for the submission and the use of the data;
- Identify institutions with unique situations and where appropriate provide resources for participation;
- Develop specifications for a reporting platform for institutional use;
- Investigate methodology for merging institutional submissions with related data such as the National Student Clearing House data and other data from the K-20 data base; and
- Create tools that will be available to participating institutions to create a static Fact File reporting current year data for the data returned to the institution by the data center.  
Create examples of analytical reports that can be run using participant data.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the fiscal year 2011 General Grant described above. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to the grant award in the event that appropriated funds are unavailable.*