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**ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE WORK STUDY
FISCAL YEAR 2019 APPLICATION AND ALLOCATION**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item requests approval for the Executive Director to determine the institutional allocations of the Fiscal Year 2019 Illinois Cooperative Work Study (ICWS) grant appropriation.

The Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program provides grants to public and nonpublic colleges and universities to support education-related work experiences that benefit students academically and financially. Colleges and universities, in cooperation with public and not-for-profit agencies and private companies, provide paid work experiences to Illinois college and university students. The ICWS program supports Goal 2 of the *Public Agenda* by allowing students to reduce their reliance on student loans while providing a link between academic programs and employment. The ICWS program supports Goal 3 of the *Public Agenda* by prioritizing work study opportunities for students seeking degrees in high-demand fields. Finally, the ICWS program supports Goal 4 of the *Public Agenda* by increasing the pool of funds for job training, which can result in businesses expansions in Illinois and full-time employment for students after graduation.

The Fiscal Year 2019 application request for proposal closed April 24, 2018, and the Board received 34 applications for review and funding. The Governor's budget recommended a flat funding level for this grant at \$980,500.

In anticipation of funding beginning July 1, 2018, we are seeking Board approval to proceed in establishing grant agreements and distributing funds to eligible institutions when a Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation is final. The detail provided in this Board item only identifies the grant applicants, estimated students to be served with the grant, and requested grant amount. The maximum amount an applicant can request is \$50,000.

The Board will be presented with final grant and allocation detail after a final appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019 is determined.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education authorizes the Executive Director to distribute grant awards to eligible Illinois Cooperative Work Study program applicants which support Goals 2, 3, and 4 of the *Public Agenda*.

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The Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program was established in 1991 to support student cooperative work study programs. The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) administers the program and makes grants to public and nonpublic institutions of higher education.

Grants will be awarded for proposals submitted based on evaluation criteria included in the administrative rules. Proposals are requested for projects that will:

- Benefit students academically and financially;
- Reduce reliance on student loans;
- Enhance public-private sector partnerships; and
- Encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.

Program Objectives

Grants shall be made for projects that support Illinois resident undergraduate students. In addition, the Board shall consider whether the projects:

- *Expand opportunities for students to pursue internships, clinical placement, cooperative programs with business and industry, and other work opportunities linked to a student's academic program;*
- *Strengthen cooperation between higher education, business, industry, and government;*
- *Encourage social and community service;*
- *Maximize the use of matching contributions from business and industry, and governmental and social agencies;*
- *Create new opportunities for public/private partnerships;*
- *Integrate other components of student financial aid to reduce reliance on student loans; and*
- *Encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.*

Within the project narrative and goals and objectives, institutions must *demonstrate* how these objectives will be achieved.

The grant application was released to the public on March 5, 2018, and closed April 24, 2018. The anticipated term of the grant will be July 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. The grant application can be viewed on the IBHE website at <https://www.ibhe.org/icws.html>.

Next Steps

IBHE staff will review and recommend awards for qualifying entities. Detail on the grantee awards will be provided to the Board at the next meeting after a Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation is passed.

Table 1 lists the entities that submitted applications, the number of students estimated to be served, and their requested funding amount.

Recommendation

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations for the Illinois Cooperative Work Study grants as specified by the statute and administrative rule. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to:

- 1) *Continue to monitor and determine eligibility of institutions pursuant to the statute (110 ILCS 225) and the rules implementing that statute (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1015);*
- 2) *To withhold payment or adjust a grant allocation, if necessary, to conform to existing statute, rule, or available funding or to assure compliance with any previous grant agreements;*
- 3) *Equitably distribute grant awards to eligible ICWS institutions:*
 - a. *Expand opportunities for students to pursue internships, clinical placement, cooperative programs with business and industry, and other work opportunities linked to a student's academic program;*
 - b. *Strengthen cooperation between higher education, business, industry, and government;*
 - c. *Encourage social and community service;*
 - d. *Maximize the use of matching contributions from business and industry and governmental and social agencies;*
 - e. *Create new opportunities for public/private partnerships;*
 - f. *Integrate other components of student financial aid to reduce reliance on student loans; and*
 - g. *Encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.*
- 4) *Re-allocate funds between projects, fund other projects as necessary, and allocate any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year.*

TABLE 1

**Illinois Board of Higher Education
Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program
Fiscal Year 2019 Applications**

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Students to be served</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Augustana College	37	\$50,000
Bradley University	45	\$50,000
College of DuPage	44	\$50,000
College of Lake County	40	\$50,000
Concordia University	50	\$50,000
Danville Community College	9	\$34,608
Dominican University	64	\$50,000
East West University	52	\$59,228
Elmhurst College	39	\$50,000
Governors State University	29	\$50,000
Greenville University	25	\$49,998
Illinois College	16	\$14,710
Illinois Wesleyan University	37	\$40,760
Illinois State University	58	\$50,000
John Wood Community College	11	\$10,624
Joliet Junior College	3	\$24,946
Kaskaskia Community College	10	\$21,315
Kishwaukee Community College	20	\$23,500
Lake Land Community College	27	\$50,000
Lewis University	29	\$50,000
Lincoln Land Community College	16	\$9,000
Northern Illinois University	57	\$50,000
Oakton Community College	32	\$50,000
Parkland Community College	19	\$50,000
Quincy University	35	\$35,000
Richland Community College	56	\$50,000
Rockford University	4	\$5,193
Rock Valley Community College	13	\$33,760
Roosevelt University	10	\$22,512
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	56	\$50,000
Southwestern Illinois Community College	13	\$17,796
Triton Community College	28	\$36,600
University of Illinois at Chicago	30	\$50,000
University of Illinois at Springfield	50	\$50,000
Total Applications: 34		
TOTAL	1,064	\$1,329,550

