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Item #G-5  
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**ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE WORK STUDY  
FISCAL YEAR 2020 APPLICATION AND ALLOCATION**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** This item requests approval for the Interim Executive Director to determine the institutional allocations of the Fiscal Year 2020 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 *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success 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 2020 application request for proposal closed April 30, 2019 and the Board received 32 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, 2019, we are seeking Board approval to proceed in establishing grant agreements and distributing funds to eligible institutions when a Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation is final. The detail provided in this Board item identifies the grant applicants, estimated students to be served with the grant, requested grant amount, and estimated allocation based on the Governor's Fiscal Year 2020 budget recommendation. 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 2020 is determined.

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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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 4, 2019 and closed April 30, 2019. The anticipated term of the grant will be July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. 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 board members at the next meeting after a Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation is passed.

The included table displays the entities that submitted applications, number of students estimated to serve, their requested funding amount, and estimated allocation based on the Governor's Fiscal Year 2020 budget recommendation.

## Recommendation

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes the Interim Executive Director to allocate the fiscal year appropriations for the Illinois Cooperative Work Study grants as specified by the statute and administrative rule. The Board authorizes the Interim 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>Estimated Students to be served</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Estimated Allocation*</u>
Augustana College	37	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Bradley University	43	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
College of DuPage	28	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
College of Lake County	40	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Concordia University	45	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Dominican University	64	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
East West University	52	\$49,682	\$35,895.76
Elmhurst College	39	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Governors State University	24	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Greenville University	25	\$49,998	\$36,124.07
Illinois College	15	\$15,200	\$10,982.16
Illinois Eastern Community College	25	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Illinois State University	66	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Illinois Wesleyan University	35	\$38,482	\$27,803.64
John Wood Community College	19	\$16,896	\$12,207.53
Joliet Junior College	21	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Kaskaskia College	6	\$19,116	\$13,811.51
Kishwaukee College	20	\$27,900	\$20,158.41
Lake Land College	40	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Lewis and Clark College	10	\$12,080	\$ 8,728.05
Lewis University	39	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Lincoln Land Community College	25	\$40,000	\$28,900.41
McHenry County College	30	\$48,630	\$35,135.68
Northern Illinois University	36	\$43,734	\$31,598.27
Oakton Community College	25	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Parkland Community College	25	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Rend Lake College	18	\$20,520	\$14,825.91
Richland Community College	53	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Rock Valley College	13	\$33,760	\$24,391.95
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	30	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
Southwestern Illinois College	14	\$19,076	\$13,782.61
Triton College	16	\$22,000	\$15,895.23
University of Illinois at Chicago	30	\$50,000	\$36,125.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>\$1,357,074</b>	<b>\$980,500</b>

\*based on Governor's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Recommendations