

**APPROVED**  
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**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** The Independent Colleges Capital Investment Grant Program was created as part of the 2019 *Rebuild Illinois* capital program to provide private, not-for-profit colleges and universities in Illinois with financial assistance for capital projects. The program is administered by IBHE under a memorandum of understanding with the Capital Development Board. Joint rules were approved by the IBHE at the November 15, 2022 meeting after approval by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget appropriates \$400,000,000 for the Program. This item requests approval to grant the Executive Director authority to enter into Fiscal Year 2024 agreements under the Independent Colleges Capital Investment Grant Program. Additionally, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget includes an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to distribute any funds returned to the Board from a grant made prior to June 28, 2019 as a result of a school ceasing to be an independent college.

**Action Requested:** That the Illinois Board of Higher Education authorize the Executive Director to award and enter into Fiscal Year 2024 agreements to implement the Independent Colleges Capital Investment Grant Program.

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**INDEPENDENT COLLEGES CAPITA INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

The Independent Colleges Capital Investment Grant Program was created as part of the 2019 *Rebuild Illinois* capital program to provide private, not-for-profit colleges and universities in Illinois with financial assistance for capital projects as defined by applicable State of Illinois statute and program rules.

The grant program is being administered by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) in conjunction with the Illinois Capital Development Board.

This multi-year grant program will distribute funds to eligible institutions using a two-part distribution formula. The formula will provide each qualifying institution:

- A base grant based on the Fall 2017 student enrollment numbers as reported to IBHE; and
- An FTE grant based on the Fall 2022 student enrollment numbers as reported to IBHE.

Statutory authority is granted by the Private Colleges and Universities Capital Distribution Formula Act [30 ILCS 769/25], Build Illinois Act [30 ILCS 750], and Section 4 of the Build Illinois Bond Act [30 ILCS 425]. Rules to implement the program were adopted by the Board at the November 15, 2022, meeting, after Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) approval.

The Fiscal Year 2024 budget includes a \$400,000,000 reappropriation to the Capital Development Board, which will be administered by the IBHE under the terms of a memorandum of understanding.

Additionally, \$1,500,000 was appropriated in Fiscal Year 2024 to redistribute funds returned to IBHE for institutions that received funding under the predecessor grant program but ceased to be independent institutions under the terms of their agreements. The funds returned will be distributed to current grantees under the FTE grant described above.

**Recommendation**

The staff recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants the Executive Director the authority to award funds to implement the Independent Colleges Capital Investment Grant Program. The Board additionally authorizes the Executive Director to enter into grant agreements with eligible, private/not-for-profit institutions as summarized under statute and approved final rules.*