



STATE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Statutory Authority: Laws of 1991, Chapter 28B.50 Revised Code of Washington

September 2 Special Meeting Agenda

3:30 p.m.	Adoption of Special Business Meeting Agenda Carol Landa McVicker, Chair	Action
3:35 p.m.	Consideration of GEER Funding John Boesenberg, Deputy Executive Director, Business Operations Cherie Berthon, Director, Operating Budget Resolution 20-09-44	Tab 1 (Action)
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn: Next Meeting ~ October 2020, Zoom Meeting	

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Under RCW 42.30.110, an Executive Session may be held. Action from the Executive Session may be taken, if necessary, as a result of items discussed in the Executive Session. **PLEASE NOTE:** Times above are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities if requests are made at least seven days in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate late requests. Please contact the Executive Director's Office at 360-704-4309.

REGULAR ITEM (RESOLUTION 20-09-44)

September 2

Tab 1

GEER Funding

Brief Description

Governor Inslee recently awarded the community and technical colleges \$44 million in one-time funding from the Governor's discretionary pool of CARES Act appropriations. These funds will help the system fill gaps in funding due to the downturn in enrollment stemming from the COVID 19. This item reviews the Governor's plan for the funding as well as the methods that will be used to distribute funding to the colleges.

How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

These funds will help the colleges continue their work to reduce equity gaps, fulfill their mission, and sustain operations during this critical time.

Background information and analysis

Based on the enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, section 18002, Governor Inslee received \$54 million from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund to provide emergency assistance to educational entities in Washington State. Governor Inslee elected to provide all of these funds to public institutions of higher education and \$44 million (81 percent) to our college system specifically. Approximately \$10 million is being distributed among the six public four-year institutions for similar purposes. The Governor shared his distribution plan with the Legislature in July and there were no changes made based on Legislative feedback.

OFM recently issued an award letter outlining the Governor's intent and purpose for these funds. The letter also provided links to federal guidance on the potential uses and timing of the funding. The funds are divided into three categories, detailed in the table on the next page. The final column includes the allocation methodology recommended by WACTC and state board staff.

Amount	Title	Governor's Intent and Purpose	SBCTC Allocation Method
\$ 29,409,000	Support Continued Operations	The purpose of this allocation is to distribute funding to community and technical college districts most significantly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic to support continued operations, including undergraduate course sections, student advising, student support services, and operating activities supported by other state funds or operating, building and student and activity fees. The amount of funding was determined by an OFM/Legislative tuition and enrollment model which estimated the reduction in tuition and fee collections as a result of the pandemic.	To identify those colleges most significantly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, this allocation is based on the decline in state-funded, tuition-paying enrollment from winter quarter to spring quarter. Consistent with tuition dollars, appropriate amounts will be withheld for student and activity fees, building fees, and the Innovation Fund.
\$ 9,618,000	Emergency Support Funds	The purpose of this allocation is to provide emergency support funding in anticipation of continued financial losses and disruption to operations and student services due to COVID-19. A portion of these funds should be used to maintain student support services for students of color.	To approximate pre-pandemic enrollment levels, these funds will be allocated based on state-funded enrollments in fall 2019.
\$ 5,000,000	Restart Professional Technical Programs	The purpose of this allocation is to restart professional and technical programs that were disrupted due to COVID-19 to assist students in completing their credential. SBCTC should identify and restart workforce programs that help workers succeed in a post-pandemic economy.	These funds will be distributed through an application process managed by State Board staff and aligned with the Governor's intent.
\$ 44,027,000	Total		

Appropriate Uses of Funds - These federal funds are very flexible. As stated in the U.S. Department of Education guidance:

Subject to any restrictions that a Governor places on an Institution of Higher Education's (IHE) use of GEER funds, an IHE may use the funds, awarded under section 18002(c)(2) of the CARES act, to support a broad array of activities. For example, an IHE might use GEER funds to provide:

- *Staff, infrastructure and technology to support distance education, or remote learning;*
- *Academic support for libraries, laboratories, and other academic facilities;*
- *Institutional support for activities related to personnel, payroll, security, environmental health and safety, and administrative offices;*
- *Student services that promote a student's emotional and physical well-being outside the context of the formal instructional program; and*
- *Student financial aid, such as IHE-sponsored grants and scholarships.*

Reporting Requirements and Deadline for Spending - Quarterly reporting to OFM will be required, including uses of the funds and adherence to required cash management principles. In turn, OFM will submit quarterly reports to the Secretary of Education. Colleges will have until September 30, 2022 to spend these funds; however, the U.S. Department of Education is encouraging institutions to deploy GEER funds quickly. State Board staff expect to distribute the allocation to districts as soon as possible following State Board action.

Potential questions

- Is the allocation of the GEER funds to the colleges consistent with CARES Act requirements and direction or restrictions placed by the Governor?
- Can these funds be used for different purposes than the institutional aid funds received in section 18001 of the CARES Act?
- How will the Legislature consider CARES Act funding as they work to solve a budget shortfall?

Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 20-09-44 allowing State Board staff to allocate to colleges \$44 million in federal CARES Act funds awarded by Governor Inslee.

Policy Manual Change Yes No

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	Tuition Backfill for Spring	Emergency Funding for Fall 2020	Restart Washington	Total
	\$29.4 million	\$9.6 million	\$5 million	\$44 million
District	<i>Distributed based on enrollment/tuition declines</i>	<i>Distributed based on share of enrollments in fall 2019</i>	<i>Distributed based on application process</i>	
Bates	1,013,754	234,257		1,248,011
Bellevue	671,738	568,108		1,239,846
Bellingham	942,659	158,901		1,101,560
Big Bend	404,862	125,532		530,394
Cascadia	223,036	134,603		357,639
Centralia	574,475	147,514		721,988
Clark	882,789	448,509		1,331,298
Clover Park	1,335,437	269,217		1,604,654
Columbia Basin	997,717	373,338		1,371,055
Edmonds	176,478	333,714		510,192
Everett	606,423	401,793		1,008,215
Grays Harbor	305,886	113,167		419,053
Green River	923,081	400,960		1,324,041
Highline	524,444	414,445		938,889
Lake Washington	936,691	220,940		1,157,631
Lower Columbia	613,516	184,185		797,702
Olympic	1,337,931	350,409		1,688,340
Peninsula	290,404	105,908		396,312
Pierce	872,970	426,639		1,299,609
Renton	1,616,809	275,782		1,892,592
Seattle	3,410,474	940,624		4,351,099
Shoreline	70,432	290,234		360,667
Skagit Valley	1,054,524	288,992		1,343,516
South Puget Sound	850,194	260,760		1,110,953
Spokane	3,444,077	910,565		4,354,643
Tacoma	515,206	337,833		853,039
Walla Walla	578,789	194,650		773,439
Wenatchee Valley	415,355	204,430		619,785
Whatcom**	478,257	177,768		656,025
Yakima Valley	436,888	324,223		761,112
Innovation Account 4%	1,176,360	-		1,176,360
Capital Account/ Building Fees	1,727,342	-		1,727,342
Distribution by Application			5,000,000	5,000,000
System Total	29,409,000	9,618,000	5,000,000	44,027,000

STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

RESOLUTION 20-09-44

A resolution relating to Governor Inslee's recent award of \$44 million from the Governor's discretionary pool of CARES Act appropriations. These funds are pursuant to the enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, section 18002

WHEREAS, these funds will help the system fill gaps in funding due to the downturn in enrollment stemming from the COVID 19.

WHEREAS, there are three components to the awarded funds: 1. Support for Continued Operations (\$29.4 million), 2. Emergency Support Funds (\$9.6 million), 3. Restart Professional Technical Programs (\$5 million).

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and State Board staff will allocate these funds to college districts using methods that adhere closely to the Governor's intention and are described in the background section of the attached consent item.

WHEREAS, quarterly reporting to OFM will be required, including uses of the funds and adherence to required cash management principles and colleges will have until September 30, 2022 to spend these funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the allocation of \$44,027,389 to college districts in accordance with guidance from Governor Inslee, the Office of Financial Management and the U.S. Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on September 2, 2020

Attest

Jan Yoshiwara, secretary

Carol Landa McVicker, chair