

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM VIII-M

Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the approval of funds to continue five successful Intensive College Readiness Programs for Adult Education Students (IPAES) and extend the current evaluation contract for evaluation of the programs in partial fulfillment of Rider 40, Align Basic Education and Postsecondary Education, General Appropriations Act (82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session)

Total Current Project Cost:	\$ 3,900,000
Additional Funding Request:	\$ 395,000
New Total Project Cost:	\$ 4,295,000
Source of Funds:	E.1.7 Strategy, ABE Community College Grants
Authority:	A.1.3. Strategy, College Readiness Initiatives, Texas Education Code, Section 61.0762(a)(1) Programs to Enhance Student Success; Rider 40, General Appropriations Act, 82nd Texas Legislature
Committee approval:	June 26, 2013

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

The additional funding requested will provide funding for an additional program year through August 2014 to five currently funded IPAES grantees. Extending funding would allow these programs to serve additional students, track the college transition of program graduates, and provide additional information on best practices in intensive program design and implementation, in addition providing support to help increase the number of adult education students participating in intensive college readiness programs. The five programs were chosen because they received satisfactory scores in all areas of their site visit evaluation and because students in the programs have the highest completion rates, and also show significant increases on pre/post scores on the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) and the Learning and Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI).

These programs represent the only transition programs in the state for adult education students currently using consistent external evaluation protocols to determine program success. From evaluation of programs funded since 2010, Board staff have seen increases in mathematics and reading scores on the THEA for a majority of participants. The programs listed will utilize the new Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment which provides additional diagnostic information on student performance for programs and may lead to revisions of curricula to align to the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards.

South Texas College was originally slated to receive \$75,000 in additional funds, however, they notified Board staff that they were electing not to accept funding because they had received another grant that would result in a duplication of services. South Texas will continue to implement the program as planned using the other funds awarded. In light of this notice, it is recommended that \$75,000 be awarded to Midland College who was next in line for funding. Table below has been updated from the original board materials to include South Texas College.

It is also recommended that the current evaluation contract with The University of Texas at Arlington be extended, with a focus on a program replication study.

Institution	Funding FY10-11	Funding FY12	Funding FY13	Total Awarded	Proposed Additional FY14	New Total Costs
Austin C.C.	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$375,000	\$75,000	\$450,000
Blinn College	0	\$62,500	\$87,500	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$225,000
Kilgore College	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$275,000	\$75,000	\$350,000
Tyler Junior College	0	\$125,000	\$75,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$275,000
Midland College	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$375,000	\$75,000	\$450,000
South Texas College	\$125,000	\$112,500	\$125,000	\$362,500	0	\$725,000
Lone Star Coll. Sys.	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$375,000	0	\$375,000
Texarkana College	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$375,000	0	\$375,000
Richland College	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$87,500	\$337,500	0	\$337,500
Alamo Colleges	0	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	0	\$250,000
ESC VI	\$62,500	0	0	\$62,500	0	\$62,500
Lit Council Of Tyler	\$125,000	0	0	\$125,000	0	\$125,000
ESC 20	\$125,000	0	0	\$125,000	0	\$125,000
San Angelo P-16	\$125,000	0	0	\$125,000	0	\$125,000
Northside ISD (SA)	\$87,500	0	0	\$87,500	0	\$87,500
External Evaluator	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$20,000	\$320,000
Totals:	\$1,475,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,175,000	\$3,900,000	\$395,000	\$4,657,500

Dr. Judith Loreda, Assistant Commissioner for P-16 Initiatives, is available to answer questions.