



Commission Meeting June 23, 2022





Cal-SOAP Presentation



Cal-SOAP Summary

History of the Cal-SOAP Program

1 Background

Created in 1978, the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) has focused on:

- Increasing the availability of postsecondary information and improving college access to postsecondary education for historically underserved student populations.
- Creating a college-going culture, focusing on financial aid application completion, and coordinating student outreach efforts.

2 Consortium Structure

- One secondary school district office
- One four-year college or university
- One community college
- One from the following agencies: a non-profit educational, counseling, or community agency, or a private, accredited vocational or technical school

3 Examples of Services Provided

- Parent Outreach
- Financial Aid Workshops
- Tutoring
- College and Career Planning
- Summer Melt Programs
- College Tours/Visits



SB-737 Changes to Cal-SOAP

What did SB-737 do?

1 What is SB-737?

An amendment to the CA ED Code to modernize the Cal-SOAP program's goals and objectives to better align with statewide goals for advancing financial aid literacy and education.

2 How does this impact Cal-SOAPS?

- Modernizes Cal-SOAP programming to be more FAFSA/CADAA completion focused.
- Expands student populations served.
- Establishes new data reporting requirements for program evaluation.

3 New Data Collection Initiatives

In partnership with WestED, CSAC staff has been working to transition Cal-SOAP Projects to use a new data collection software (Lacai) to track program outcomes and measures.

*SB-737 was effective as of January 1, 2022



Cal-SOAP Contracts

What are common reasons for amending agreements?

1 Examples of Amendment Changes:

- Unexpended funds by the end of their contract period.
- Changes in project staff, program plans, etc.
- One time increases in Cal-SOAP Project Funding.
- Fiscal Agent changes.
- Time period extensions.



2022-23 Cal-SOAP Allocations

CSAC proposed budget allocations for the upcoming year.

Consortium	Fiscal Year 2022-23 Proposed Allocation
Central Coast	\$ 434,402
Central Valley	\$ 408,117
East Bay/Solano	\$1,042,035
Long Beach	\$ 439,448
Los Angeles	\$ 728,515
Merced	\$ 415,056
North Coast	\$ 434,396
Sacramento	\$ 654,006
San Diego/Imperial	\$1,045,219
San Francisco	\$ 387,498
San Jose	\$ 530,582
Santa Barbara	\$ 524,768
South County Gilroy	\$ 418,295
South San Joaquin	\$ 435,663
Total	\$7,898,000



- The recommended funding levels are consistent with the current and historical fiscal year allocations that the consortia have received in past years.
- The commission may allocate up to 2 percent of funding appropriated for this program for program administration, data collection, and evaluation.





CSAC Staff Recommendations



Recommendations

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CSAC Staff Recommends:

1. Approve the proposed fiscal year 2022-23 Cal-SOAP funding allocations and authorize staff to execute grant agreements with the 14 Cal-SOAP consortia, upon approval of the final 2022-23 State Budget appropriation.
2. Delegate to the Executive Director, flexibility to reallocate fiscal year 2022-2023 funds equitably if a project cannot utilize all its allocated funds or if the final 2022-2023 Budget Act amends the total proposed appropriation.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to amend grant agreements with the two current Inland Empire Cal-SOAP consortia if additional funds are appropriated for that purpose for the fiscal year 2022-23.





Thank you!

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