California Student Aid Commission

Item 9

(Action Item)

Outreach contract for the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program

SUMMARY:

This item presents the request for authority to develop a solicitation(s) and enter into a contract(s) for the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program for purposes of promoting the program and recruiting eligible applicants in their respective communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the ability to develop a solicitation(s) and enter into a contract(s) with the auxiliary(ies) of a public segment(s) of higher education.

BACKGROUND:

Under the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program (GSETGP), the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is tasked with making available one-time grants to California resident workers who have been displaced from their employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, who are not already accessing an educational or training program and can demonstrate a financial need by meeting the income and asset qualifications, as established pursuant to subdivision (k) of Section 69432.7. The GSETGP has been appropriated in CSAC's 2021 budget and is set to end by December 31, 2024.

As part of this one-time program, the Commission shall provide a portion of its local assistance funds not to exceed one percent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this article to institutions of higher education administering this grant program for purposes of promoting the program and attracting eligible applicants in their respective communities [Section 69671(j)(3)].

The Commission seeks approval to develop a solicitation(s) and enter into a contract(s) with the auxiliary(ies) of a public segment(s) of higher education for purposes of carrying out these functions. One percent of funding for purposes of promoting the program and recruiting eligible applicants in their respective communities shall not exceed \$5,000,000.

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