

Date of Board Meeting: September 15, 2026

Recommendation: Accept/review TRiO SSS information item.

Background and Rationale:

Information Item – Federal Funding for TRiO Student Support Services Program from the Department of Education.

The TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Program is a federally funded student success initiative designed to increase college retention, graduation, and transfer rates among students who are first-generation college students, meet federal income eligibility guidelines, and/or have a documented disability.

WCJC's TRiO SSS Program provides comprehensive academic and student support services to an annual cohort of 144 eligible students. Services are designed to address academic, financial, and personal barriers that may affect a student's ability to persist and complete a college credential. Support includes individualized academic advising and coaching, tutoring and academic support, financial aid and financial literacy assistance, transfer and career planning, assistance with the college and transfer process, workshops and educational programming, referrals to campus and community resources, and other services permitted under federal grant guidelines.

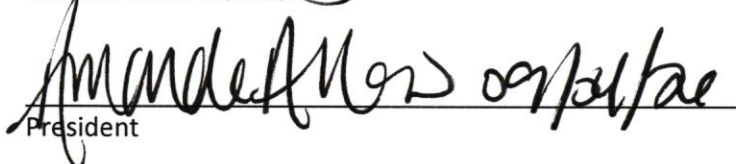
Through proactive and individualized support, TRiO SSS works closely with students throughout their college experience to strengthen academic success, increase persistence and degree completion, and prepare students for successful transfer to four-year institutions when applicable.

Budgetary Implications: \$272,364.00 (award amount; no cost to the institution)

Resource Personnel: Jessica Falcon, TRiO SSS Project Director

Approval:

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Cabinet-Level Member


President



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3	PROJECT STAFF RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR Jessica Falcon (979) 532-6478 falconj@wcjc.edu EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT Harold L Wells (202) 453-6131 Harold.Wells@ed.gov EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE G5 PAYEE HELPDESK 888-336-8930 obssed@servicenowservices.com	4	PROJECT TITLE 84.042A WCJC TRiO Student Support Services Grant																
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FOR A BUDGET PERIOD AFTER THE FIRST BUDGET PERIOD OF AN APPROVED MULTIYEAR PROJECT, MUST 1) EITHER

(I) DEMONSTRATE THAT IT HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING

(A) THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT; AND

(B) THE PERFORMANCE TARGETS IN THE GRANTEE'S APPROVED APPLICATION, IF THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHED PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANT IN THE APPLICATION NOTICE; OR

(II) OBTAIN THE SECRETARY'S APPROVAL FOR CHANGES TO THE PROJECT THAT

(A) DO NOT INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS OBLIGATED TO THE PROJECT BY THE SECRETARY; AND

(B) ENABLE THE GRANTEE TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT AND MEET THE PERFORMANCE TARGETS OF THE PROJECT, IF ANY, WITHOUT CHANGING THE SCOPE OR OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT;

2) SUBMIT ALL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY 75.118;

3) CONTINUE TO MEET ALL APPLICABLE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM;

4) MAINTAIN FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN 2 CFR 200.302 AND 200.303; AND

5) RECEIVE A DETERMINATION FROM THE SECRETARY THAT CONTINUATION OF THE PROJECT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 CFR 200.308(f)(2) CHANGES TO KEY PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 5 MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY ANTICIPATES FUTURE FUNDING FOR THIS AWARD ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE IDENTIFIED IN BLOCK 6. THESE FIGURES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY AND DO NOT BIND THE SECRETARY TO FUNDING THE AWARD FOR THESE PERIODS OR FOR THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS SHOWN. THE RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF SPECIFIC FUTURE FUNDING ACTIONS THAT THE SECRETARY TAKES FOR THIS AWARD.

- (4) Unless this grant solely funds research, you must comply with new regulations regarding awards to faith-based organizations (FBOs) that provide beneficiary services under this grant or under a contract you award to provide beneficiary services under this grant. These new regulations clarify the rights of FBOs and impose certain duties on FBOs regarding the referral of beneficiaries they serve. See 34 CFR 75.52, 75.712-75.714, appendix A to part 75, and 2 CFR 3474.15. The Department has established a web page that provides guidance on the new regulations, including FAQs and other implementation tools, which is available at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/fbci-reg.html>. If you have any questions about these regulations, please contact the Education Program Contact identified in Block 3 of this GAN.
- (5) General Condition For all grantees: Grantees must not use federal funds under this project in any manner that violates the United States Constitution, Title VI or Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq. or 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.), the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. 7905), section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1011f), or other applicable federal law. To the extent that a grantee uses grant funds for such unallowable activities, the Department intends to take appropriate enforcement action including under section 451 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), which may include the recovery of funds under section 452 of GEPA.
- (6) Reimbursement of indirect costs is subject to the availability of funds and statutory and regulatory restrictions (34 CFR 75.564(a) and 34 CFR 76.562(a)). The negotiated indirect cost rate agreement authorizes a recipient to draw down indirect costs from the grant awards (34 CFR 75.564(b) and 34 CFR 76.562(b)). The following conditions apply to the below entities.

A. All entities (other than Institutions of Higher Education (IHE))

The GAN for this grant award shows the indirect cost rate that applies on the date of the initial grant for this project. However, after the initial grant date, when a new indirect cost rate agreement is negotiated, the newly approved



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indirect cost rate supersedes the indirect cost rate shown on the GAN for the initial grant. This new indirect cost rate should be applied according to the period specified in the indirect cost rate agreement, unless expressly limited under statutes, departmental regulations (Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)), or program regulations. Any grant award with an approved budget can amend the budget to account for a change in the indirect cost rate. However, for a discretionary grant award any material changes to the budget which may impact the scope or objectives of the grant must be discussed with the program officer at the Department. See 34 CFR 75.560 (d)(3) (ii) (part 75 of EDGAR).

B. Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)

Under 2 CFR part 200, Appendix III, Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), the Department must apply the negotiated indirect cost rate in effect on the date of the initial grant award to every budget period of the project, including all continuation grants made for this project. See 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix III, paragraph C.7. Therefore, the GAN for each continuation grant will show the original indirect cost rate and it applies to the entire period of performance of this project. If the indirect cost rate agreement that is applicable to this grant does not extend to the end of the grant project period, the indirect cost rate set at the start of the project period must still be applied to the end of project period regardless of the fact that the rate has otherwise expired.

JAMES DAVIS

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