

Commission for Postsecondary Education

A.R.S. § 15-1851

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	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Estimate	FY 2003 Approved
PROGRAM BUDGET			
Commission for Postsecondary Education	306,100	316,800	221,000
Course Equivalency Guide SLI	13,200	0	0
Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) SLI	2,990,500	3,364,500	3,364,500 ^{1/2/}
Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program SLI	400,000	323,200	325,100 ^{3/}
Family College Savings Program SLI	3,100	85,100	87,000
Arizona College and Career Guide SLI	18,200	25,000	25,000 ^{4/}
Arizona Minority Educational Policy Analysis Center (AMEPAC) SLI	13,800	74,500	74,500 ^{4/}
Twelve Plus Partnership SLI	107,100	231,200	231,200 ^{4/}
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	3,852,000	4,420,300	4,328,300
OPERATING BUDGET			
Full Time Equivalent Positions	6.0	6.0	5.0
Personal Services	173,400	180,400	137,900
Employee Related Expenditures	32,400	34,300	26,200
Professional and Outside Services	27,900	31,000	15,000
Travel - In State	2,000	4,300	3,000
Travel - Out of State	300	0	0
Other Operating Expenditures	70,100	66,800	38,900
<i>Operating Subtotal</i>	306,100	316,800	221,000
Special Line Items (SLI)	3,545,900	4,103,500	4,107,300
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	3,852,000	4,420,300	4,328,300 ^{5/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	1,734,800	1,643,400	1,545,900
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Postsecondary Education Fund	2,117,200	2,776,900	2,782,400 ^{6/}
<i>Subtotal - Other Appropriated Funds</i>	2,117,200	2,776,900	2,782,400
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	3,852,000	4,420,300	4,328,300

^{1/} The appropriation for Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership is to be used to make grants under the Arizona State Student Incentive Grant Program administered by the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education. Grants may be made according to the provisions of applicable federal and state laws and regulations relating to this program to Arizona residents who demonstrate financial need and who are attending, on at least a half-time basis, an approved program at a properly accredited Arizona postsecondary educational institution. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{2/} Each participating institution, public or private, in order to be eligible to receive state matching funds under the State Student Incentive Grant Program for grants to students, shall provide an amount of institutional matching funds that equals the amount of funds provided by the state to the institution for the State Student Incentive Grant Program. Administrative expenses incurred by the Commission for Postsecondary Education shall be paid from institutional matching funds and shall not exceed 12% of the funds in FY 2003. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{3/} Of the total amount appropriated for the Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program, no more than 10% may be used for program administrative costs. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{4/} The appropriations for Arizona College and Career Guide, Arizona Minority Educational Policy Analysis Center and Twelve Plus Partnership are estimates representing all monies distributed to this fund, including balance forward, revenue and transfers, during FY 2003. The appropriations shall be adjusted as necessary to reflect actual final receipts credited to the Postsecondary Education Fund. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{5/} General Appropriation Act (Laws 2002, Chapter 327) funds are appropriated as a Modified Lump Sum by Agency with Special Line Items.

^{6/} For FY 2003, any unencumbered balance remaining in the Postsecondary Education Fund on June 30, 2002, and all grant monies and other revenues received by the Commission for Postsecondary Education during this fiscal year, when paid into the State Treasury, are appropriated for the explicit purposes designated by special line items and for additional responsibilities prescribed in A.R.S. § 15-1851 and A.R.S. § 15-1852. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — *The Commission, established as the State Postsecondary Review Entity in FY 1995, is authorized to conduct, supervise and coordinate the review of public and private postsecondary education institutions in the state to determine their eligibility for student financial aid monies, and to administer specifically identified federal and state financial aid programs. The Commission provides a forum to public and private postsecondary education institutions for discussion of issues of mutual interest. It coordinates and promotes studies of interest to postsecondary institutions and provides information to the public on postsecondary education opportunities in the state.*

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002-03
	Est./Actual	Est./Actual	Est./Actual	Estimate
• Student grants awarded	4,189/4,189	4,100/3,784	3,900/4,484	3,900
• AZ Educ. Loan Program number of student borrowers	149,105/129,202	149,105/129,000	129,000/ 129,000	130,000/130,500
• Family College Savings Program account holders	0/0	12,000/323	4,042/600	5,838/6,838
• College and Career Guides distributed	8,000/8,000	46,000/18,180	10,000/ 10,000	10,000
• % of customers rating Commission services as good or excellent	NA	NA	85/85	85
• Administration as a % of total cost	NA	4/NA	4/NA	4

Operating Budget — The approved amount includes a General Fund operating budget decrease of \$(101,000). This eliminates the commission’s General Fund operating budget subsidy. The FY 2003 operating budget of \$221,000 is funded from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

Course Equivalency Guide Special Line Item — The Course Equivalency Guide indicates how coursework from Arizona public community colleges is accepted for transfer by Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona. This Special Line Item is funded from the General Fund.

As of FY 2002, the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges has the responsibility for publishing and distributing the Course Equivalency Guide. Due to the transfer, funding for the Course Equivalency Guide has been eliminated from the commission’s budget.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Special Line Item — The Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program establishes a federal, state, and institutional partnership to provide financial assistance to eligible students demonstrating financial need. This Special Line Item is funded from the General Fund and from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

The approved amount includes \$1,220,800 from the General Fund and \$2,143,700 from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2003. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2002.

Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program Special Line Item — The Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program provides tuition vouchers to qualifying community college graduates attending private

postsecondary institutions in Arizona. This Special Line Item is funded from the General Fund.

The approved amount includes \$325,100 and provides funding for 1 FTE Position from the General Fund.

Family College Savings Program Special Line Item — The Family College Savings Program enables parents to save money, on a tax-deferred basis, for the college education of their children. This Special Line Item is funded from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

The approved amount includes \$87,000 and provides funding for 1 FTE Position from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

Arizona College and Career Guide Special Line Item — The Arizona College and Career Guide is an annual publication which lists Arizona public and private postsecondary institutions and describes their degree and certificate programs, length of courses, and cost of attendance. This Special Line Item is funded from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

The approved amount includes \$25,000 from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2003. This amount is unchanged from FY 2002.

Arizona Minority Educational Policy Analysis Center Special Line Item — AMEPAC sponsors studies, statewide discussions and debates in order to promote improvement of minority students’ early awareness, access, and achievement in all sectors of Arizona education. This Special Line Item is funded from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

The approved amount includes \$74,500 from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2003. This amount is unchanged from FY 2002.

Twelve Plus Partnership Special Line Item — The Twelve Plus Partnership is an early education awareness initiative that consists of 5 different components: Connections to Career and College Centers, the Best Education Practices Conference and Awards Recognition, Think College, Round Table Discussions, and Public Policy Forums. This Special Line Item is funded from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

The program is funded through private donations and company sponsorships, and uses in-kind donations such as printing and publication design services. The approved amount includes \$231,200 from the Postsecondary Education Fund. This amount is unchanged from FY 2002.

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