

COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

A.R.S. § 15-1851

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General Fund and Postsecondary Education Fund	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Estimate	FY 2000 Approved	FY 2001 Approved
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FTE Positions	4.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Personal Services	146,500	170,100	173,900	177,300
Employee Related Expenditures	28,200	28,100	32,400	33,600
Professional and Outside Services	33,700	31,000	31,000	31,000
Travel - In State	1,100	2,000	2,000	2,000
Travel - Out of State	3,200	4,400	4,400	4,400
Other Operating Expenditures	59,300	62,900	62,900	62,900
Equipment	2,600	2,000	0	0
Operating Subtotal	274,600	300,500	306,600	311,200
Course Equivalency Guide	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200
State Student Incentive Grant (state)	1,220,800	1,220,800	0	0
State Student Incentive Grant (institutional)	1,075,500	1,075,500	0	0
State Student Incentive Grant (federal)	868,200	1,068,200	0	0
Leveraging Educational Assistance				
Partnership (LEAP)	0	0	3,364,500 ^{1/2/}	3,364,500 ^{1/2/}
Private Postsecondary Education Student				
Financial Assistance Program	274,900	400,000	400,000 ^{3/}	400,000 ^{3/}
Family College Savings Program	0	85,100	85,100	85,100
Arizona College and Career Guide	0	16,000	25,000 ^{4/}	25,000 ^{4/}
Arizona Minority Education Policy Analysis				
Center (AMEPAC)	0	67,600	71,000 ^{4/}	74,500 ^{4/}
Twelve Plus Partnership	0	300,000	367,500 ^{4/}	397,200 ^{4/}
Total Appropriations	3,727,200	4,546,900	4,632,900^{5/}	4,670,700^{5/}
Fund Summary				
General Fund	1,609,700	1,732,700	1,734,900	1,736,300
Postsecondary Education Fund	2,117,500	2,814,200	2,898,000 ^{6/}	2,934,400 ^{6/}
Total Appropriations	3,727,200	4,546,900	4,632,900	4,670,700

^{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 2000 and FY 2001. (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 2000 and FY 2001. 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 funds are appropriated as a Modified Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

^{6/} For FY 2000 and FY 2001, any unencumbered balance remaining in the Postsecondary Education Fund on June 30, 1999 and June 30, 2000, respectively, 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)

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Agency Description — *The Commission, established as the State Postsecondary Review Entity (SPRE) 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.*

Equipment — The approved amount includes a reduction of \$(2,000) from the Postsecondary Education Fund for equipment beginning in FY 2000 due to the completion of computer upgrades in FY 1999.

Course Equivalency Guide — The approved FY 2000 amount provides \$13,200 from the General Fund for the Course Equivalency Guide. This amount is continued in FY 2001. 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.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (State Student Incentive Grant) — The approved FY 2000 amount provides \$3,364,500 for Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership including \$1,220,800 from the General Fund, \$1,075,500 from participating Arizona higher education institutions (through the Postsecondary Education Fund), and \$1,068,200 from the federal government (through the Postsecondary Education Fund). This amount is continued in FY 2001. The Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program establishes a federal, state, and institutional partnership to provide financial assistance to eligible students demonstrating financial need. The program was formerly named the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) program.

Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program — The approved FY 2000 amount provides \$400,000 and 1 FTE Position from the General Fund for the Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program. This amount is continued in FY 2001. From the approved amounts in FY 2000 and FY 2001, \$40,000 is set aside for program administration and \$360,000 is used for student tuition vouchers. The Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program provides tuition vouchers to qualifying community college graduates attending private postsecondary institutions in Arizona.

Family College Savings Program — The approved FY 2000 amount provides \$85,100 and 1 FTE Position from the Postsecondary Education Fund for administration of the Arizona Family College Savings Program. This amount is continued in FY 2001. The Arizona Family College Savings Program enables parents to save money, on a tax-deferred basis, for the college education of their children.

Arizona College and Career Guide — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$9,000 from the Postsecondary Education Fund for the Arizona College and Career Guide (ACCG). This amount is continued in FY 2001. The ACCG 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. The commission expects the number of ACCGs distributed will increase from 8,000 in FY 1999 to 22,000 in FY 2000. ACCG revenues are derived from publication advertising fees and book sales.

AMEPAC — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$3,400 from the Postsecondary Education Fund for the Arizona Minority Education Policy Analysis Center (AMEPAC). The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$3,500 for a total of \$74,500 for AMEPAC. AMEPAC's mission is to sponsor studies, statewide discussions and debate in order to promote improvement of minority students' early awareness, access, and achievement in all sectors of Arizona education. The commission estimates the number of AMEPAC Fall Conference attendees will increase from 250 in FY 1999, to 280 in FY 2000, and to 340 in FY 2001. AMEPAC revenues are derived from private donations.

Twelve Plus Partnership — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$67,500 from the Postsecondary Education Fund for the Twelve Plus Partnership. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$29,700 for a total of \$397,200 for the Twelve Plus Partnership. The Twelve Plus Partnership consists of College Goal Sunday, Think College, Best Education Practices, and College and Career Centers. College Goal Sunday is an annual statewide program that provides free information and assistance to Arizona students and families applying for college financial aid. Think College is a statewide media and public awareness campaign aimed at the elementary and middle school grades. Think College encourages students to stay in school and raises student and parent expectations about the possibility of post-high school education. The Best Education Practices Conferences provide a forum for sharing successful and exemplary early awareness and outreach techniques among school districts and postsecondary institutions. College and Career Centers are located at elementary and middle schools and assist students in preparing for college and future careers. Revenues for the Twelve Plus Partnership are derived from private donations and company sponsorships.