

Commission for Postsecondary Education

| | FY 2019 ACTUAL | FY 2020 ESTIMATE | FY 2021 APPROVED |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| OPERATING BUDGET | | | |
| <i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i> | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 ^{1/} |
| Personal Services | 106,600 | 118,900 | 125,100 |
| Employee Related Expenditures | 27,600 | 53,900 | 53,900 |
| Other Operating Expenditures | 6,200 | 47,700 | 47,700 |
| OPERATING SUBTOTAL | 140,400 | 220,500 | 226,700 |
| SPECIAL LINE ITEMS | | | |
| Arizona College and Career Guide | 0 | 21,300 | 21,300 ^{2/} |
| Arizona Minority Educational Policy Analysis Center | 16,700 | 99,900 | 100,700 ^{2/} |
| Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program | 426,000 | 426,000 | 426,000 |
| Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership | 2,319,500 | 2,319,500 | 2,319,500 ^{3/} |
| Twelve Plus Partnership | 6,000 | 130,400 | 130,500 ^{2/} |
| AGENCY TOTAL | 2,908,600 | 3,217,600 | 3,224,700 ^{4/5/6/} |
| FUND SOURCES | | | |
| General Fund | 1,646,800 | 1,680,900 | 1,680,900 |
| <u>Other Appropriated Funds</u> | | | |
| Postsecondary Education Fund | 1,261,800 | 1,536,700 | 1,543,700 |
| SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds | 1,261,800 | 1,536,700 | 1,543,700 |
| SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds | 2,908,600 | 3,217,600 | 3,224,600 |
| Other Non-Appropriated Funds | 979,600 | 1,091,200 | 1,091,200 |
| Federal Funds | 170,400 | 168,000 | 168,000 |
| TOTAL - ALL SOURCES | 4,058,600 | 4,476,800 | 4,483,800 |

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Commission for Postsecondary Education reviews and recommends higher education policies, while providing a discussion forum for public and private postsecondary educational institutions and their stakeholders on issues of mutual interest. The 16 commissioners are authorized to administer certain federal and state student financial aid programs.

FOOTNOTES

- ^{1/} Includes 0.5 OF FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2021.
- ^{2/} The appropriations for the Arizona college and career guide, Arizona minority educational policy analysis center and twelve plus partnership are estimates representing all monies distributed to these programs, including balance forward, revenue and transfers, during fiscal year 2020-2021. The appropriations shall be adjusted as necessary to reflect actual final monies credited to the postsecondary education fund. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- ^{3/} In order to be eligible to receive state matching monies under the leveraging educational assistance partnership for grants to students, each participating institution, public or private, shall provide an amount of institutional matching monies that equals the amount of monies provided by this state to the institution for the leveraging educational assistance partnership. Administrative expenses incurred by the commission for postsecondary education shall be paid from institutional matching monies and may not exceed twelve percent of the monies in fiscal year 2020-2021. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- ^{4/} Any unencumbered balance remaining in the postsecondary education fund established by section 15-1853, Arizona Revised Statutes, on June 30, 2020, and all grant monies and other revenues received by the commission for postsecondary education, when paid into the state treasury, are appropriated for the specific purposes designated by line items and for additional responsibilities prescribed in sections 15-1851 and 15-1852, Arizona Revised Statutes. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- ^{5/} The addition of the line items in the General Appropriation Act yield a result \$100 more than the total line in the General Appropriation Act.
- ^{6/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$226,700 and 4.5 FTE Positions in FY 2021 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

| | FY 2021 |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$34,100 |
| Postsecondary Education Fund | 192,600 |

FY 2021 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$6,200 from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2021 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Arizona College and Career Guide

The budget includes \$21,300 from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2021 for the Arizona College and Career Guide line item. This amount is unchanged from FY 2020.

This line item funds costs associated with the Arizona College and Career Guide, which is an annual publication that lists Arizona's public and private postsecondary educational institutions. The guide describes each institution's available degree and certificate programs, course lengths, and costs of attendance.

Arizona Minority Educational Policy Analysis Center

The budget includes \$100,700 and a 0.2 FTE Position from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2021 for the Arizona Minority Educational Policy Analysis Center (AMEPAC) line item. FY 2021 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$800 from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2021 for statewide adjustments.

AMEPAC promotes minority students' access to Arizona's postsecondary educational institutions.

Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program

The budget includes \$426,000 from the General Fund in FY 2021 for the Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program (ATSLP). This amount is unchanged from FY 2020.

The program, previously known as the Math, Science, and Special Education Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program (MSSE), offers forgivable loans to resident students pursuing a teaching degree at a public or private postsecondary institution and who agree to teach math, science, or special education at an Arizona public school upon graduation. Students in the program are required to teach for 1 year for each year that they receive the loan, plus 1 additional year. Teachers must practice in rural, low-income, or tribal schools.

A.R.S. § 15-1784 allows the commission to retain up to 10% of the annual fund deposit for administration costs. The commission may also use the interest deposited into the fund for administration costs of the loan repayment portion of the program. *(Please see the Other Issues section for more information.)*

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership

The budget includes \$2,319,500 for the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) in FY 2021. This amount consists of:

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund | 1,220,800 |
| Postsecondary Education Fund | 1,098,700 |

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2020.

LEAP is a state and institutional partnership that provides financial assistance to students demonstrating substantial financial need. To be eligible, students must attend, on at least a half-time basis, an approved program at a properly accredited Arizona postsecondary educational institution (including public universities, public community colleges, private collegiate institutions, and proprietary schools). The federal portion of these funds was eliminated in FY 2012.

In FY 2018, awards were provided through 37 postsecondary institutions. Of the total funding distributed, 33% went to public universities, 51% to community colleges, and 16% to private institutions.

Twelve Plus Partnership

The budget includes \$130,500 and a 0.3 FTE Position from the Postsecondary Education Fund in FY 2021 for the Twelve Plus Partnership (TPP).

TPP is an early education awareness initiative with 3 components: Best Education Practices Conference and Awards Recognition, Think College, and College Goal Sunday. Approximately 70% of this line item funds College Goal Sunday, 25% of the monies go to Best

Education Practices Conference and Awards Recognition, and the remaining 5% funds Think College. Private gifts, donations of service, and corporate sponsorships support TPP.

Other Issues

ATA and ATSLP Comparison

The Arizona Board of Regents oversees the Arizona Teachers Academy (ATA), which offers tuition waivers for resident and non-resident students enrolled in education and non-education majors at one of the 3 in-state universities, community college, post-baccalaureate students seeking a teacher certification and national board certification students.

The Arizona Student Teacher Loan Program (ATSLP) offers up to \$7,000 in loans per student each year funded by a \$426,000 General Fund appropriation. The ATA offers scholarships of \$10,000 for graduate students, \$5,000 for undergraduate students, \$3,000 for community college students, and \$2,500 for national board certification students. The ATA receives an annual General Fund appropriation of \$15.0 million.

For each year that a student receives an ATA tuition waiver, they are required to teach 1 year in a public school in Arizona. For each year a student receives an ATSLP loan, they must teach 1 year in a rural, low-income, or tribal school in Arizona plus 1 additional year.

Students are eligible for the ATSLP for 5 years, while the ATA has a tuition waiver limit of 2 years for graduate students, 4 years for undergraduate students, 2 years for community college students, and one-time-only for national board certification.

As of FY 2018, there were 56 participants in the ATSLP and the average student age 29-30 years old. In FY 2018, 75% of ATSLP students were enrolled in public institutions in Arizona. In FY 2018 there were 221 students enrolled in the ATA. ([See Arizona Teachers Academy Program Summary for more information.](#))