

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
July 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of 2009-2010 College Reach-Out Program Funding Recommendations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.34, Florida Statutes, and 2009 General Appropriations Act, Item # 87

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The College Reach-Out Program (CROP) was established in 1983 by the Florida Legislature to motivate and prepare students (grades 6–12) from low-income educationally disadvantaged backgrounds towards pursuing and successfully completing postsecondary education. Participants are students who otherwise would be unlikely to seek admission to a postsecondary institution without special support and recruitment efforts. Funds are appropriated by the Legislature to the Department of Education and allocated through a competitive process to institutions based upon previous measurable outcomes and proposals designed to implement effective intervention strategies.

Section 1007.34(9), Florida Statutes, stipulates that the CROP Advisory Council review the proposals and recommend to the State Board of Education an order of priority for funding the proposals. The CROP Advisory Council met on June 12, 2009, to review the 2009-2010 CROP applications and recommend funding levels for each project. The funding recommendations are included in the Prioritized Funding List, which is being presented for State Board approval.

In 2007-2008, CROP served approximately 7,185 students in ten state universities, twenty-five community colleges, and four independent postsecondary institutions. Approximately 73% of these students were African-American, 13% were Hispanic, 11% were White, 1% was Asian, less than 1% was American Indian, and approximately 2% were in the "Other" category. The 2009-2010 state appropriation for CROP is \$2,329,340, and participating postsecondary institutions are required to match the state appropriation with cash and in-kind services.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2009-2010 CROP Prioritized Funding List

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