

## **FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

August 29, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Academic Improvement Trust Fund Use Approval

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approval item: Request for Use Approval for Academic Improvement Trust Fund.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The proposals for use of funds from the Academic Improvement Trust Fund were formerly approved by the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) as required by Section 1011.85 (formerly 240.36(6)(c)), Florida Statutes. Several years ago, the members of the SBCC delegated this approval to the Executive Director.

Chapter 2001-170, Laws of Florida, abolished the State Board of Community Colleges. The duties and responsibilities of the Board were transferred to the Florida Board of Education by a Type Two Transfer.

Therefore, the board of trustees of each community college and the Florida Board of Education are responsible for determining the uses for the proceeds of their respective trust funds. Such uses of the proceeds shall be limited to expenditure of the funds for:

- (1) Scientific and Technical Equipment;
- (2) Other activities that will benefit future students as well as students currently enrolled at the community college and that will improve the quality of education at the community or in the community college system;
- (3) Scholarships, loans, or need-based grants.

The following colleges have submitted requests for use of these funds:

- Broward Community College - \$49,930 – Scientific and technical equipment (mini grants) for several campuses.
- Edison Community College - \$90,700 – Scientific and technical equipment, scholarships and other activities for the benefit of future as well as current students in theatre, science, nursing and business courses.
- Manatee Community College - \$78,562 – Scientific and technical equipment for Bradenton and Venice campuses to be used in the distance-learning program, film labs, health science, and dental hygiene classes.

-Pensacola Junior College - \$26,251.98 - includes \$6,300 for student scholarships, ARKS software and equipment and tools for the Department of Biological Sciences Zoo Animal Technology Program and \$19,951.98 to purchase equipment greatly needed within the Manufacturing Technology Program to expand the scope of the program to include experiential hands on learning skills, such as woodworking, metal working, machining and welding, found within a millwright program.

The community college boards of trustees have approved the uses of these funds and have certified that the uses meet the criteria stated in law. It is the opinion of the staff of the Division of Community Colleges that the colleges have complied with the requirements stated in statute and recommend Board approval of these uses from the Academic Improvement Trust Fund.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Request for Use Approval Forms submitted by the above colleges.

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