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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Institution Presidents

FROM: Kathy Hebda, Chancellor 

DATE: August 20, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019-20 First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) Program Certification

Specific Appropriation 69 of the 2019-20 General Appropriations Act (GAA) provided \$10,617,326 for the First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) Program. Of this amount, \$2,654,332 from the General Revenue Fund was allocated to Florida colleges for need-based financial assistance as provided in section 1009.701, Florida Statutes (F.S). This program is administered by the Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA).

Beginning in 2018-19, certain legislative changes to the program were implemented. The state-to-private match amount increased to a 2:1 match instead of a 1:1 match; and the statute now explicitly includes Florida College System (FCS) institution students in the program. Section 21 of Senate Bill 4 (2018) amended subsections (1), (2) and (4) and paragraph (c) of subsection (5), of s. 1009.701, F.S., such that these changes took effect upon the bill becoming law. Therefore, OSFA will begin allocating the appropriated funds to match the eligible private contributions on a ratio of two dollars state funds to one dollar private contribution.

Each FCS institution is encouraged to take advantage of awarding scholarships to students through the FGMG Program. Early submission of the certification form will maximize your institution's access to available funds and will help students benefit from these funds in the fall term. The certification should include all contributions received for the FGMG Program. Private contributions that were not previously matched by state funds are eligible as a private match for the FGMG Program. Existing certifications must be reduced by this amount. The FCS institution president must certify contributions for this program to the Division of Florida Colleges (DFC) by submitting the ***Certification of Private Contributions for FGMG Program Form*** to the FCS Budget Office at collegereporting@fldoe.org, no later than **December 1, 2019**.

KATHRYN S. HEBDA
CHANCELLOR, DIVISION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES

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Specific Appropriation 69 of the GAA requires that if matching funds are not raised by participating Florida colleges or state universities by **December 1, 2019**, the remaining funds shall be reallocated to FGMG Programs at Florida colleges or state universities that have remaining unmatched private contributions.

When these certified funds from Florida colleges have been verified by DFC and OSFA, the prorated term state match (half in term 1 and the other half in term 2) will be sent to the institution within two weeks. Additional information will be provided by OSFA. Please contact Suzanne Pridgeon at 850-245-9244 or Judy Green at 850-245-9494 should you have any questions.

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Attachments:

2019-20 FGMG Certification Form and Guidelines
2019-20 FGMG Allocation – Florida College System

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