

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

Governing Board Agenda

Meeting Date: August 25, 2009

Item Number	Item Title	Responsible Agents
V.D.6	U.S. Department of Education Grant Award for Student Support Services Program at GateWay Community College	Dr. Maria-Harper Marinick Dr. Eugene Giovannini

Recommendation

It is recommended that the MCCCDC Governing Board accept and approve the U.S. Department of Education grant award in the amount of \$220,000.00 for the Student Support Services (SSS) program at GateWay Community College. Funds are expected to be awarded as an extension for a 5th year of a four year TRiO grant, beginning 9/1/05 and ending 8/31/09. The SSS Award Notifications are typically mailed out by the Department of Education in late August.

Justification

The Student Support Services Program will serve college eligible students attending GateWay Community College. The program provides opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The goal of the Student Support Services Program is to increase college retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next.

The Student Support Services program serves GateWay students who are any combination of low-income, first generation, and/or disabled. GateWay Community College will receive \$220,000 each year for four years to serve 160 students. The college will receive \$209,800 as a base grant amount, plus a \$10,200 grant aid supplement. Through the Student Support Services Program at GateWay Community College, GateWay students will participate in tutoring services; academic; and personal enrichment programs; cultural events and civic activities. In addition, the SSS program will provide academic advising and personal counseling specifically in the areas of financial aid, career, and educational planning.

Funding	Application/Certification
Source: U.S. Department of Education <u>Account Identification:</u> 350 200 351478 Grant #49086	Chancellor _____ Academic & Student Affairs _____ Business Services _____ Human Resources _____ ITS _____ Res. Dev. & Community Relations _____ College President _____