California Community Colleges CalWORKs Allocation Methodology

The FY 2012-13 State Budget provides the California Community Colleges (CCC) CalWORKs programs with \$26.695 million in Proposition 98 local assistance dollars plus \$8 million in federal TANF dollars through an interagency agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for a total of \$34.695 million dollars. Of the local assistance dollars provided to CCC CalWORKs, \$9.188 million may be used for child care, \$.613 million may be used for job development, and \$4.9 million must be used for work study. A one to one match is required for the local assistance dollars, with the exception of funds for child care.

The CalWORKs allocation methodology is based upon recommendations that were made by the CalWORKs Allocation Subcommittee and the CalWORKs State Advisory Committee to the Chancellor's Office in May 2011. Key components of the methodology include:

- Effective FY 2011-12, CCC CalWORKs funding were allocated to colleges, rather than districts.
- The 2012-13 allocation protects 95 percent of the 2011-12 allocations provided to each CalWORKs program.
- After applying the 95 percent protection, the remaining unallocated funds are distributed to colleges based upon the number of 2011-12 CalWORKs students served with enrollment records reported through the MIS process.
- Colleges are also permitted to transfer funds to district offices since a few districts maintain a CalWORKs office that supports CalWORKs programs within that district.
- Colleges that return in excess of 5% of their prior year's total allocation after the close of the fiscal year will receive a dollar-per-dollar reduction in their CalWORKs allocation in the fiscal year following the return of funds for any amount over the 5%.