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LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AWARDED FIVE CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS TOTALING $2.85 MILLION

Dedicated funds will support crucial programs at five campuses and one center across the district

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was awarded five Community Project Funding grants in the fiscal year 2022 funding bill passed by the full House Appropriations Committee yesterday, providing $2.85 million in much-needed, dedicated funding to a variety of programs, including workforce development, student support services and a basic needs pilot.

"The Los Angeles Community College District thanks our supportive local representatives for this opportunity funding that would ensure that a high-quality education is available to all families in Los Angeles County for years to come," LACCD Board of Trustees President Steve Veres said. "The programs supported by this dedicated funding will give countless students the resources they need to get the most out of their college experience."

The Community Project Funding grants, previously referred to as Congressional Earmarks, which provide for direct funding for specific projects in larger spending bills, were reintroduced this year after a 10-year moratorium. Each one must be publicly sponsored by a Member of Congress and LACCD was awarded five from five different legislators, showing the comprehensive support across Los Angeles County for the work the District is doing in providing a high-quality postsecondary education and ultimately placing students in satisfying careers at a critical time.

"We are thankful to these five esteemed Members of Congress for advocating on behalf of our community colleges and securing dedicated funding that will open the doors of opportunity and success to underserved students," LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., said. "This is an example of government working for the people who would most benefit from this public investment in human capital, and forward-looking policies that will result in greater equity in education."

The five LACCD Community Project Funding grants, totaling $2.85 million, include:

- $200,000 sponsored by Rep. Judy Chu for success and access programs at East Los Angeles College, which include webinars, workshops, tours, and college resource centers to promote college access, family engagement, academic preparation, and college success and retention;

- $975,000 sponsored by Rep. Adam Schiff for a student basic needs pilot at Los Angeles City College, which would be used to support 500 unique students enrolled in at least six units. In addition to providing direct resources such as food aid, housing assistance, health services, and essential expense assistance, the LACC Basic Needs Project will provide textbooks, test fees, course supplies, transportation, success coaches, and tutoring for the program participants, empowering them to complete their chosen educational programs and pursue a path out of poverty for themselves and their families;

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- $400,000 sponsored by Rep. Tony Cardenas to expand on the current workforce development programs at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) and Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC), which offer short-term, vocational training to non-traditional students in the biotech, manufacturing and transportation program;

- $350,000 sponsored by Rep. Maxine Waters for two student support services centers at Los Angeles Southwest College, the Re-Entry Initiative for Success in Education (RISE) Center and the Family Resource Center, which will provide services and resources to students from underserved populations to help them continue their education; and

- $925,000 sponsored by Rep. Nannette Barragan for a healthcare workforce program at the South Gate Center of East Los Angeles College, which would enable ELAC to provide free, low-cost training for students pursuing careers in nursing, physical therapy, and other medical professions at the college's satellite campus in South Gate.

"As the country's largest community college district with nearly a quarter-million students, LACCD plays a disproportionate role in providing the skills-based education for the next generation of California's workforce," Trustee Mike Fong, Chair of the LACCD Legislative and Public Affairs Committee, said. "These project funding requests will allow for an expansion of many of the programs most relevant to these good jobs of the future."

The House Appropriations bills will be advanced to the House Floor and will likely to be taken up at the end of July. They will need to be reconciled with the Senate Appropriations bills and then voted on by both the Senate and House before being signed by the President.

The LACCD colleges include: Los Angeles City College; East Los Angeles College; Los Angeles Harbor College; Los Angeles Mission College; Los Angeles Pierce College; Los Angeles Southwest College; Los Angeles Trade-Technical College; Los Angeles Valley College and West Los Angeles College.

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We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/LACCD, @LACCD, and on Twitter, https://twitter.com/laccd @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.
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