



Fiscal Year 2012 Competition Highlights for the College Access Challenge Grant Program

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College Access Challenge Grant Program

Background and Focus

The College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) Program, authorized under Section 781 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, is a formula grant program that was established in 2007. The mission of the program is to increase college access and success of low-income students. Fifty states, five territories, the Republic of Palau and the District of Columbia are eligible to receive funding under the CACG Program. The Governor of each State is authorized to designate a State agency to apply for and administer funding under the CACG Program. States are authorized to implement activities, such as providing information to students and families on postsecondary education benefits and opportunities, professional development for guidance counselors, and need-based aid to students.

Funding History

The CACG Program was established in 2007 as a two-year program with an appropriation of \$66 million each year for fiscal years (FY) 2008 and 2009. The minimum allocation a State can receive is \$330,000. In 2010, the program was afforded a substantial increase of \$150 million each year for FY 2012 through 2014 under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. The minimum allocation a State can receive is \$1.5 million.

Funding Strategy

The deadline for States to submit an application to receive funding under CACG was July 5, 2012. Applicants had 45 days to develop and submit a State plan electronically. The Department received 55 applications and CACG Program staff thoroughly reviewed the contents of each application to ensure that applicants were planning to implement activities and services that were aligned with statutory and regulatory requirements and that proposed expenditures were reasonable, allowable and allocable. Applicants were also given an opportunity to amend their applications where appropriate or necessary.

The allocation of funds for each State was calculated by the Department's Budget Service based on a statutory formula that considers the relative number of residents that are living below the poverty line in each State.

CACG awarded \$128,120,480 of the \$150 million appropriated for FY 2012 to 46 States and territories. Eleven States did not receive an award because they did not satisfy maintenance of

effort requirements for State fiscal year 2011. Maintenance of effort (MOE) requires states to maintain financial support to higher education in order to receive continued funding under the CACG program. The charts below provide additional information about the MOE status of all eligible entities, the fund obligated and funds unobligated.

Fiscal Year 2012 MOE Status	
Number of States	Status
34	Met the MOE requirements
8	Did not meet MOE and was <u>granted</u> a waiver
2	Did not meet MOE, did not apply for funding in FY 2012 and did not submit a waiver request
6	Did not meet MOE, was denied a waiver and did not restore funds
3	Did not meet MOE, was denied a waiver, and has pending MOE issues (e.g., restoration or final waiver determination)
4	Did not meet MOE, was denied a waiver and restored funding shortages
57	Total States/territories eligible for CACG funds

Total Funds Obligated. The total amount of funds that will be obligated in FY 2012 is reflected in the following chart:

Disbursement	Method of Disbursement
\$ 81,861,022	Slate #1, 8/14/12 – State funds obligated
\$ 38,043,050	Slate #2, attached – States cleared for funding
\$ 8,216,408	Allocations for States with pending MOE issues – e.g., restoration or wavier determination
\$128,120,480	Total funds obligated in FY 2012

Total Funds Unobligated. The total funds that will not be obligated in FY 2102 are reflected in the chart below:

Unobligated Funds	Reason
\$ 15,963,650	Allocations for 6 States that were denied a waiver and will not restore funding
\$ 5,650,228	Allocations for States that did not apply for funding in FY 2012
\$ 2,567,841	Difference in allocations and requested amounts for 2 States
\$ 24,181,719	Total unobligated funds

Appendices

College Access Challenge Grants Award Breakdown

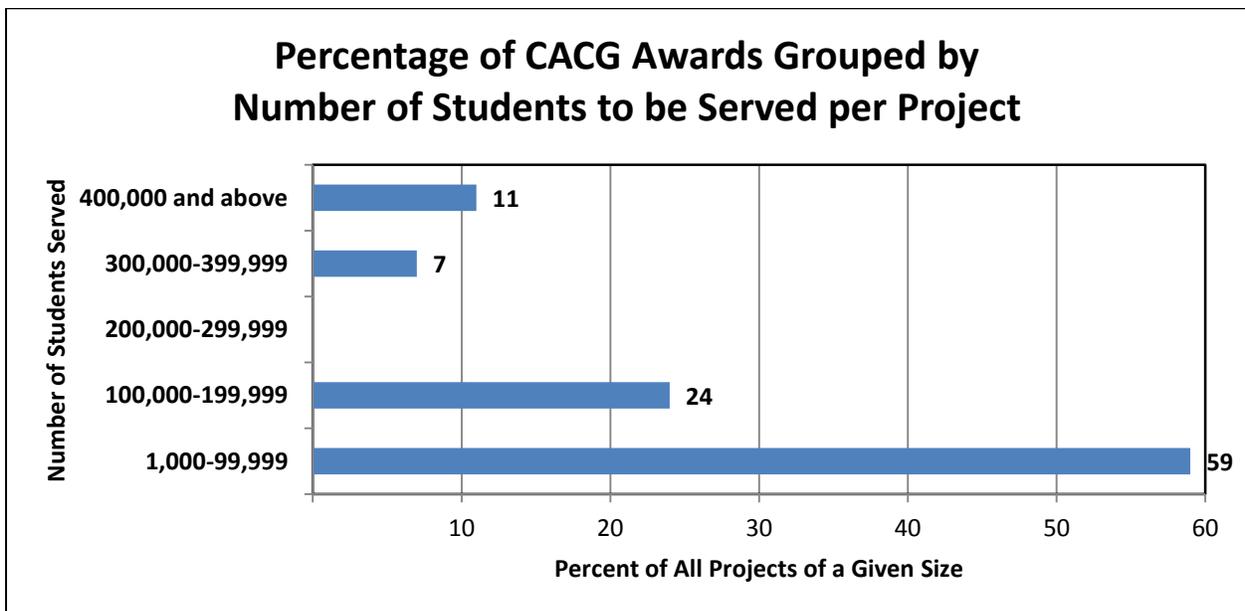
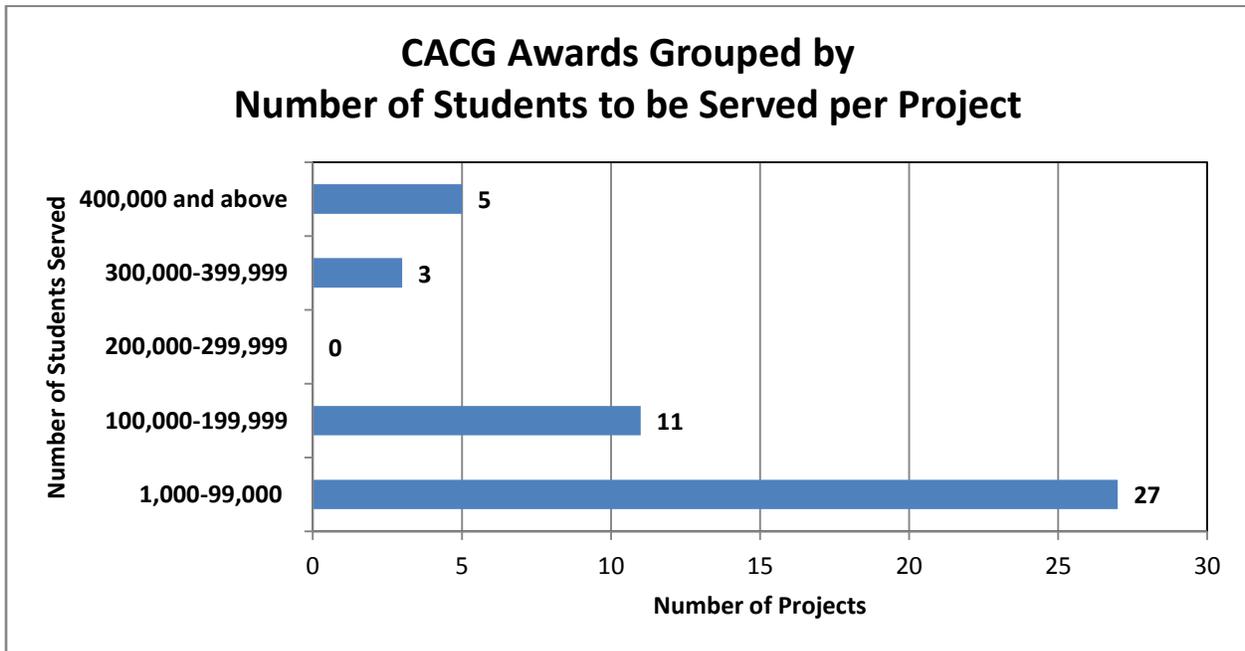
Of the 46 successful applicants, the first table below shows the type and control of the applicant institution. Of the 46 grants awarded, most (38) went to state agencies, five went to public four-year institutions, and three went to public two-year institutions.

The second table shows the number of grants to be awarded to minority serving institutions. One grant was awarded to a minority serving institution – a Historically Black College or University.

Type and Control	
Public Four-Year Institutions	5
Private Four-Year Institutions	0
Public Two-Year Institutions	3
Private Two-Year Institutions	0
Secondary Schools	0
Non-Profit Agencies	0
Other (State Agency)	38
Total	46
Minority Serving Institutions	
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	1
Hispanic Serving Institutions	0
Tribal Colleges and Universities	0
Hispanic Agencies	0
Asian American and Native American Pacific Islanders	0
Multiple	0
Total	1

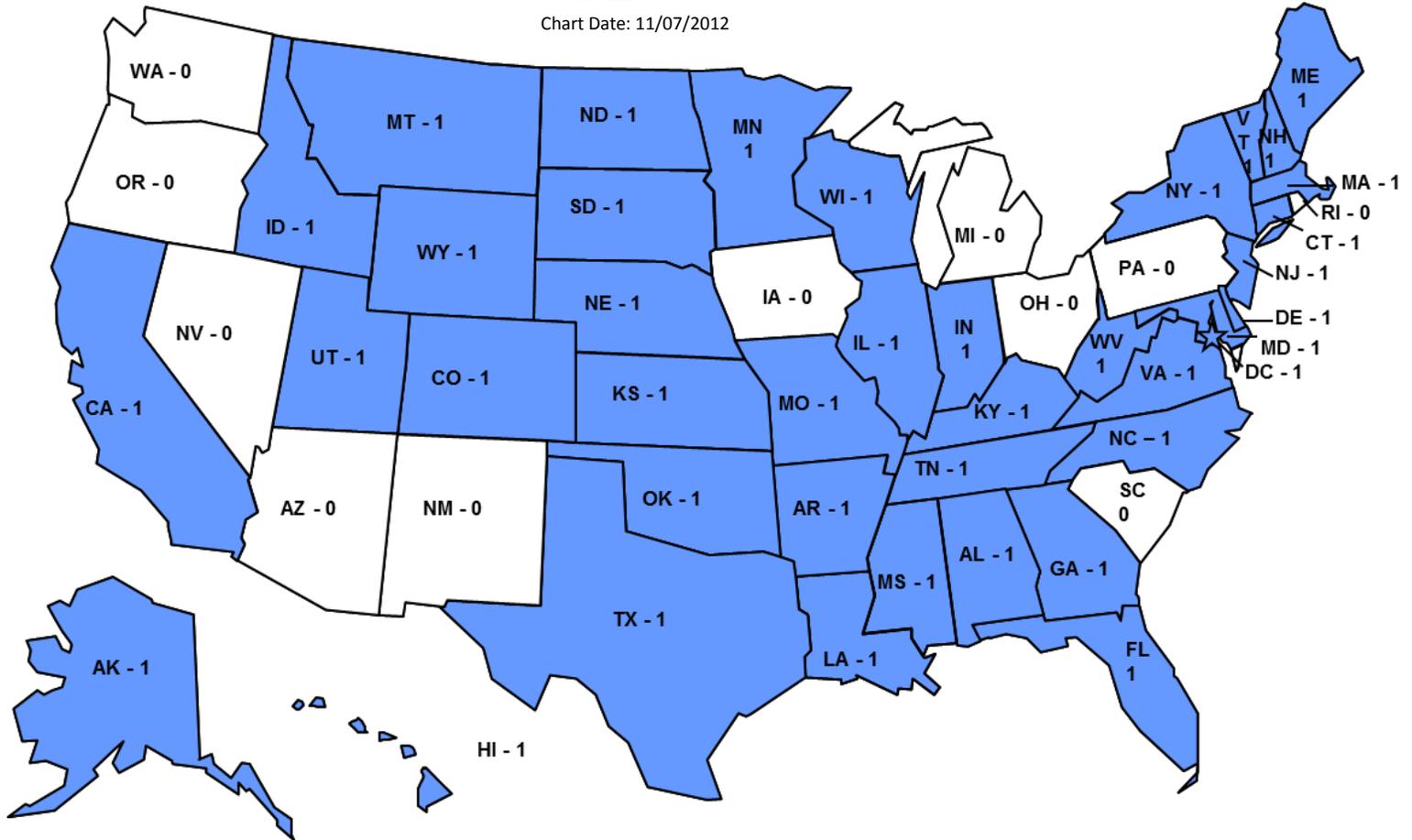
Students Served by College Access Challenge Grants Graphics

The next set of charts groups awards by the number of students to be served per project. Twenty-seven out of the 46 funded projects (59 percent) propose to serve 1,000 to 99,999 students. Eleven projects (24 percent) propose to serve 100,000 to 199,000 students. Three projects (7 percent) propose to serve 300,000 to 399,999 students, and five projects (11 percent) propose to serve 400,000 or more students.



Grant Recipient by State

College Access Challenge Grant
 FY 2012 Awards
 Chart Date: 11/07/2012



Others Not on the Map
 Puerto Rico - 1 Guam - 1 Palau - 1
 Federated States of Micronesia - 1 American Samoa - 1

No Award 1 Award

Number of Students to be Served by State

FY 2012 CACG Awards		
State	Number of Projects	Number of Students to Be Served
AK	1	7,217
AL	1	64,007
AR	1	32,799
AS	1	1,010
CT	1	26,800
CO	1	364,729
CA	1	315,603
DC	1	15,997
DE	1	14,542
FL	1	137,793
GA	1	1,455,208
GU	1	1,480
HI	1	1,279
IN	1	1,000,000
IL	1	79,388
ID	1	40,346
KY	1	1,217,859
KS	1	173,491
LA	1	585,283
MT	1	179,532
MA	1	159,017
ME	1	34,807
MD	1	145,860
MN	1	176,816

FY 2012 CACG Awards		
State	Number of Projects	Number of Students to Be Served
MO	1	69,341
MP	1	3,871
MS	1	470,213
NE	1	15,180
ND	1	83,983
NC	1	63,110
NJ	1	14,197
NH	1	142,876
NY	1	65,450
OK	1	46,299
PR	1	153,214
PW	1	3,544
SD	1	19,057
TX	1	161,965
TN	1	66,405
UT	1	389,129
VA	1	21,279
VI	1	4,697
VT	1	9,769
WI	1	190,508
WV	1	120,172
WY	1	71,229
TOTAL	46	8,416,351