

STUDENT SERVICES BLOCK GRANT REQUESTS

Proposal 10.18.22 President's Cabinet

Basic Needs [\$183,000/year]

- *Support access to basic needs and mental health services for students impacted by COVID-19.*
- *Help meet students' financial and basic needs.*

Focus: Stable Housing

Request: Pilot project to provide stable housing at University of LaVerne for Rising Scholars, Dream, or REACH students

Proposal: Provide a full semester of secure housing/meals to credit students enrolled in Rising Scholars, Dream or REACH programs who are in good academic and behavioral standing to enable them to successfully complete courses.

Budget: Estimate cost per student = \$7,300

Estimated # of Students for pilot = 10

Cost = \$73,000

Focus: Direct, immediate emergency assistance for food, transportation and school-related costs for students in need

Request: Purchase and immediate/direct distribution of Sodexo dining cards and grocery store e-cards for students' immediate food/sustenance needs; purchase of transportation assistance (gas cards; parking permits) for students' transportation needs; purchase of book store vouchers for students to purchase school supplies, specialized equipment/kits/uniforms/health screenings to successfully complete courses.

Proposal: Emergency assistance (dining cards, grocery ecards, transportation assistance, school supply vouchers) will be available through instructional deans' offices, Student Services program manager offices, counselors and social workers based on professional judgment for students in urgent, immediate need. Referrals to Basic Needs will also be made. This enables students to be helped immediately by professional staff who have assessed the students' urgent situation.

Budget: Estimate cost for Sodexo food cards = \$10 x 1,000 [\$10,000]; estimate cost for grocery store ecards: \$50 x 500 [\$25,000]; Estimate cost for transportation assistance \$50 x 500 [\$25,000]; Estimate cost for school supplies/book store vouchers: \$100 x 500 [\$50,000]

Estimated # of Students = 2,300 [not unduplicated]

Cost = \$110,000

Mental Health and Mental Wellness

➤ *Support access to basic needs and mental health services for students impacted by COVID-19.*

Focus: Development of a comprehensive, coordinated approach to providing mental health services using a wrap-around services model to the most marginalized, impacted students on campus.

Request: Funding for hourly professional experts to provide clinical mental health counseling, psychological services caseload management, triage/crisis support, social services/referrals caseload management.

Proposal: Hire 3 types of professional experts: mental health clinicians, licensed clinical social workers, social workers.

- Mental health clinicians will be licensed therapists and psychologists trained to provide both crisis intervention and ongoing psychotherapy to students (beyond 3 sessions).
- Licensed clinical social workers (LCSW) will provide direct psychological counseling intervention and caseload management related to referrals for specialized support services both on campus and in the community.
- Social workers will provide caseload management to coordinate students' referrals and access to wrap-around services such as housing, immigration, extended off-site psychological services.

Total Budget = **\$516,000**

All positions will be reviewed and hired under the Mental Health Director/Student Health Services Director who will provide oversight and training as well as recommending placement into various programs/departments on campus. Overall budget management will be under Student Health Services/Mental Health with specific allocations made to departments requesting services. Coordination with the Behavior Wellness Coordinator will also be provided.

Mental Health Clinicians

Mental health clinicians are recommended to be placed in:

- Noncredit programs
- DHH (Deaf and ASL proficient)
- Equity-based programs

Budget: Hourly rate approximately \$63/hour for professional experts

Estimated # of Students to be served: 200 students @ 20 hours

Cost = **\$252,000/year**

Licensed Clinical Social Workers

LCSWs are recommended to be placed in:

- Veterans Resource Center
- Aspire
- EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs
- Behavior Wellness Team

Budget: Hourly rate approximately \$63/hour for professional experts

Estimated # of Students to be served: 200 students @ 15 hours

Cost = **\$189,000/year**

Social Workers

Social Worker are recommended to be placed in:

- Equity Center (Dream, REACH)
- ACCESS
- Basic Needs

Budget: Hourly rate approximately \$50/hour for professional experts

Estimated # of Students to be served: 100 students @ 15 hours

Cost = **\$75,000/year**

Academic Counseling

- *Reengagement strategies for students who received an incomplete or failing grade in the spring 2022 due to COVID-19.*
- *Grants to faculty development of online, accelerated learning modules to allow students who receive an incomplete or failing grade in the spring 2022 term due to COVID-19 to make progress toward their degrees instead of retaking courses in the fall 2022 term.*
- *Increase online student services hours to evenings and weekends.*

Focus: Students are in need of academic counseling to clarify their goals, measure their progress, reconcile their satisfactory academic standing and to increase counseling services offered at different hours of the day, more specialized online approaches, Hourly adjunct faculty will be hired to increase counseling contacts with students on probation, in online classes; expand access to counseling to evenings and weekends

Request: Funding for hourly adjunct counselors

Proposal: Adjunct counselors will provide evening and weekend counseling appointments and will assist counselors in expanding services to students with failing grades, incomplete educational plans, taking online classes. Provide additional LHE for counselors to develop instructional modes to assist students in increasing success in online courses.

Budget: Hourly rate; LHE rate

Estimated # of Students to be served: 2,000 @ average of 4 appointments/contacts/hours each

Cost = \$520,000/year