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Categorical Flexibility No Longer in Effect , Q U H V S R Q V H W R W K H V W D W H ¶ V I L V F D  
Schwarzenegger signed into law major revisions to the 2009-10 State Budget that resulted in substantial funding cuts to most categorical programs. In order to help districts manage the deep funding cuts made in 2009-10, AB X4 2 (the education budget trailer bill) provided categorical flexibility for districts for some categorical programs, including Matriculation. Beginning with the 2013-2014 fiscal year, Student Success and Support Program funds (formerly Matriculation) are no longer under the categorical flexibility provision.

Application and Certification for Non -Credit SSSP Funding: Historically, districts/colleges had to complete an application and certification in order to receive noncredit matriculation funding. Applying for noncredit matriculation funding has been voluntary since not all colleges have noncredit programs. With matriculation program funding frozen at 2008-09 funding levels for the last several years and due to the categorical flexibility provisions, the certification process was suspended and colleges continued to receive a proportional share of the funds based on their 2008-09 allocations whether or not they continued serving noncredit students. Because SSSP funds are no longer under categorical flexibility, in order to receive a noncredit allocation districts/colleges must submit an application for SSSP noncredit funding and certify that they are administering noncredit programs. Colleges will be required to submit separate noncredit program and budget plans during the 2013-14 fiscal year. A separate notice will be sent to districts/colleges soon regarding the noncredit SSSP application and certification process for 2013-14.

Targeted Funding to SSSP Services: SB 1456 requires districts/colleges to target funds to the core services of orientation, assessment, counseling, advising, and other education planning services. In addition, the bill allows funding to be used to provide support services and other targeted interventions to students who are at risk (students on academic or progress probation, facing dismissal, enrolled in basic skills courses, or undeclared). Services that may no longer be funded directly include admissions and records (A&R), except to the extent that specific SSSP functions, such as transcript evaluation for assessment for placement purposes, occur in A&R. Other functions, such as institutional research, may only be funded for research activities directly tied to evaluation of SSSP service delivery. While the bill became effective on January 1, 2013, we did not believe it was practical to require colleges to make these funding changes mid-year. As of July 1, 2013, SSSP funding must be targeted to the delivery of the core services required by the bill. Districts/colleges that are unable to do so may request a one year extension. A formal request I R U H [ W H Q V L R Q V L J Q H G E \ W K H F R O O H J H ¶ V & % 2 D Q G & 6 6 2 P X V W Michalowski at [lmichalo@ccco.edu](mailto:lmichalo@ccco.edu) before August 1, 2013.

Match Requirements: The 3:1 match requirement for credit SSSP funds and 1:1 match requirement for noncredit funds is still in effect. In order to provide greater flexibility to colleges to meet the match requirement, a college may count as part of the match expenditures for functions that were permissible under the old Matriculation program but are no longer allowed: admission and records, institutional research, and SSSP-related technology (such as the development or purchase of online education planning or online orientation systems). This is in addition to the match allowed for the core program services (orientation, assessment, counseling, advising, etc.).

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