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Educator Preparation Committee

Update on the 2023 Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative Grant Program

Executive Summary: This agenda item provides an update on the 2023 Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative Grant Program and presents the grant awards.

Recommended Action: For information only

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Strategic Plan Goals

Educator Preparation and Advancement

- **Goal 2.** Prospective educators have multiple pathways to explore and access careers in education and advance in the profession.
- **Goal 3.** California's educators reflect the diversity of the students they serve.
 - F. Administer grant programs that expand pathways to credentialing.

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Introduction

This agenda item presents an update on the 2023 Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative (DELPI) Grant Program.

Background

The 2023-24 California state budget signed by the Governor in September 2023 included \$10 million from funding appropriated in Senate Bill 141 Section 112 (Chap. 48, Stats. 2023) to establish the Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative (DELPI) Grant Program. A one-time grant award of up to \$30,000 per participating administrator candidate was made available to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) interested in securing grant funding to support eligible participants to pursue an administrative services credential. The purpose of the grant program is to train, place, and retain diverse and culturally responsive administrators in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to improve pupil outcomes and meet the needs of California's education workforce. In performing these activities, a grant recipient is highly encouraged to partner with an institution of higher education or a nonprofit educational service provider, or both, as applicable. This funding shall be available for encumbrance until June 30, 2027.

The Request for Applications (RFA) was released January 12, 2024, and [awards](#) were announced May 13, 2024. [Appendix A](#) summarizes the grant awards. Thirty-one applications were received, requesting a total of \$36,030,592.33 in grant funds. Ten LEAs were conditionally funded, pending receipt of additional information, for a total of \$9,996,669 in grant funds to support a minimum of 367 administrator candidates.

Next Steps

Commission staff will continue to implement the Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative Grant Program and provide technical assistance as needed. LEAs will begin implementing their grant programs in the 2024-25 academic year and submit the first annual data report to the Commission in July 2025.

Appendix A

Grant Award Summary

Local Education Agency	Partnerships	Total Candidate Slots Awarded	Amount
Aspire Firestone Academy (Southern California Consortium)*	Diversity in Leadership Institute, Loyola Marymount University	62	\$1,860,000
Aspire Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy (Northern California Consortium)*	Diversity in Leadership Institute, Loyola Marymount University	69	\$2,070,000
Los Angeles County Office of Education*	Diversity in Leadership Institute, UMASS Global	44	\$1,320,000
Los Angeles Unified School District*	University of Southern California	44	\$982,872
Oakland Unified School District*	UC Berkeley	16	\$480,000
Riverside County Office of Education*	California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators; Coalition for Educational Partnerships; University of California, Los Angeles	34	\$1,020,000
San Francisco Unified School District*	San Francisco State University, University of California, Berkeley	60	\$1,123,797
Santa Maria-Bonita School District*	California Lutheran University	22	\$660,000
Tracy Joint Unified School District*	Teachers College of San Joaquin	5	\$150,000
West Contra Costa Unified School District*	University of California, Berkeley	11	\$330,000

**Conditionally funded pending receipt of additional information.*