

# California Community Colleges

Board of Governors 2019-20 Budget and Legislative Request on Financial Aid

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# Engines of Social and Economic Mobility

- Largest system of higher education in the nation: 115 colleges serving over 2.1 million students
- Open access to provide all students with a college degree, workforce education, adult skills courses, and lifelong learning
- Most diverse student body of any system of higher education
- Largest provider of workforce training in the state and nation
- Nearly 30 percent of UC and 50 percent of CSU graduates started at a California Community College

# A Vision for Success

## Five-Year Goals

1. Increase credential obtainment by 20%
2. Increase transfer by 35% to UC and CSU
3. Decrease unit obtainment for a degree
4. Increase employment for CE students
5. Reduce and erase equity gaps
6. Reduce regional gaps

## Commitments

1. Focus on students' goals
2. Design with the students' experience in mind
3. High expectations and high support
4. Evidence-based decisions
5. Own student performance
6. Cross-system partnership
7. Thoughtful innovation and action

# ALIGNED RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS TO PUT STUDENTS FIRST

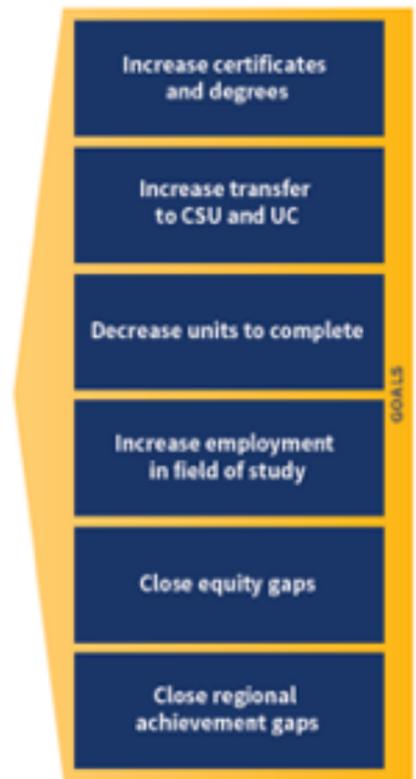
## THE WHY

Our Students and Communities



## THE WHAT

Vision for Success



## THE HOW

Guided Pathways



## THE TOOLS

System-level Support



# Historical Commitment to Tuition Affordability

- For over 75 years, community colleges charged no tuition or fees
- In 1984, the statutory fee and fee waiver program were established
- At \$46/unit, California Community College fees remain the lowest in the nation
- Nearly half of all students pay no fees under the California College Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governors Fee Waiver)
- California College Promise authorizes colleges to provide full-time, first-time students with one year of “free tuition.” Colleges must meet 6 specific requirements to receive funding.

# Total Cost of California Community College

	Cost Components for Students Living Independently (students' predominant living status)
Textbooks	\$1,791
Transportation	\$1,242
Room and Board	\$12,492
Personal/Misc.	\$2,916
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,441</b>
Tuition (\$46 Unit)	\$1,380
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,821</b>

# Example Aid Package for Full-Time Cal Grant Recipients

	Maximum aid package for CCC Cal Grant B recipient enrolling in 15+ units per semester
Pell (Federal)	\$6,095
CCPG/Promise Grant (P98)	\$1,380
Cal Grant B (GF)	\$1,672
Success/Completion Grant (P98)	\$4,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,147</b>
Total Cost of Attendance (independent student)	\$19,821
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,674</b>

# Community College Students Are Not Adequately Served by Existing Cal Grant Structure

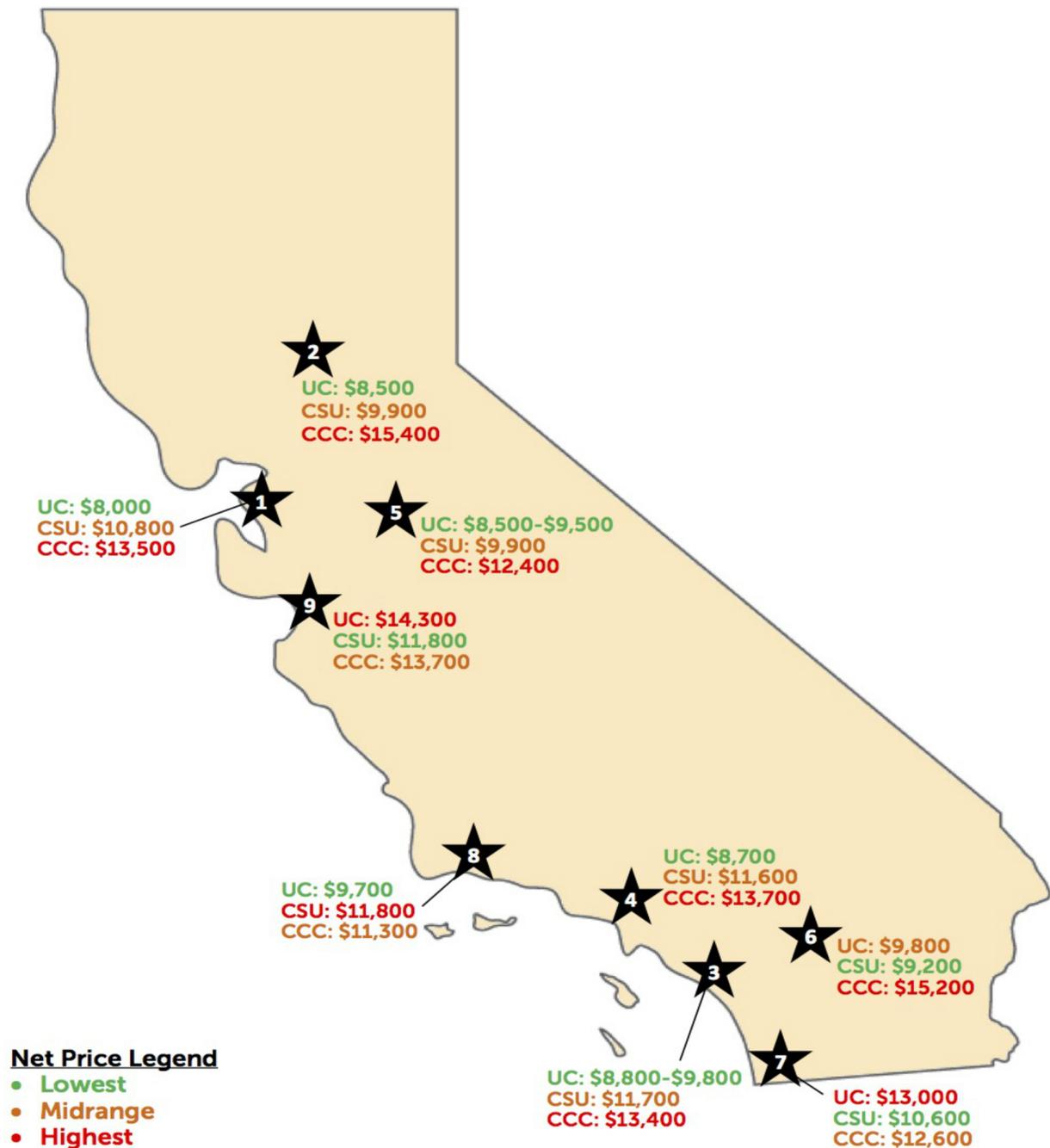
- Only about 5% of California's community college students receive a Cal Grant award, despite 43% meeting the income requirement for a fee waiver and 21% receiving a Pell Grant
- Community colleges enroll about two-thirds of California's undergraduate students, but receive only about 7% of Cal Grant funds
- Nearly 40% of UC and 36% of CSU undergraduate students receive a Cal Grant

# When You Factor Financial Aid...

In most regions in California, the community college has a higher net price for low-income students (\$30,000 or less in family income) than the nearby California State University or University of California.

At each of these California Community Colleges, a student would have to work 35 hours or more per week at the state's minimum wage to pay their net price.

For details and methodology, see [https://ticas.org/sites/default/files/pub\\_files/npc\\_california\\_map.pdf](https://ticas.org/sites/default/files/pub_files/npc_california_map.pdf)



# Principles for Change

*We are one education system, and all of our students are all of our responsibilities. This proposal seeks to address one set of inequities—for the benefit of all Californians.*

# Principles for Change — Eligibility

**Serve the financial needs of all California Community College students regardless of their age or their prior academic history.**

- All CCC students would be eligible for financial aid
- Students would file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act Application in a timely manner and maximize existing grant aid
- Colleges commit to guide students in a timely manner through pathways toward their academic goals
- Students would be required to maintain satisfactory academic progress—as they are already required to do for other grants

# Principles for Change — Total Cost

**Link a student's financial aid to the total cost of attendance—not just the tuition and fees they pay directly to the colleges.**

Program assumes students may have resources available to support costs:

- (1.) A student's expected family contribution (EFC);
- (2.) Other gift aid, including Pell Grant, Cal Grant, the existing California College Promise Grant (formerly titled the BOG Fee Waiver), and the Student Success Completion Grant; and,
- (3.) Student self contribution from work—with our commitment to better link the classroom to the workplace and student career goals.

The remaining amount would be funded through the new grant.

# Principles for Change — Eligibility

**Students come to the California Community Colleges with many educational goals—not necessarily to earn degrees or transfer, and students with other goals should receive financial support.** The new grant would allow students enrolled in any community college program that meets the requirements for the federal Pell Grant to also be eligible for this grant.

# How a New Grant Would Reduce the Price Students Pay to Attend California Community Colleges

+	<b>Total Cost of Attendance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuition and Fees</li><li>• Books, Supplies, Transportation, and Other Personal Expenses</li><li>• Room and Board</li></ul>
-	Expected Family Contribution
-	<b>Existing Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pell Grant</li><li>• Cal Grant</li><li>• Existing California College Promise Grant (BOG Fee Waiver)</li><li>• CCC Student Success Completion Grant</li></ul>
-	Reasonable Contribution from Student Earnings or Other Resources
=	Additional Grant Funds Awarded to Student through New Grant



# California Community College Commitment

New investments in financial aid should challenge our colleges to do more to improve student success. The Board of Governors embraces that challenge. As a condition of a college's participation in the program, the college would commit to ongoing reform.

Student Services	Statewide Program Participation
Early FAFSA or Dream Application completion	CA Guided Pathways Grant Program
Early completion of student financial aid files	K-12 Partnerships and Dual Enrollment
Informed education plans	AB 19 CA College Promise
Financial aid counseling and holistic support services that serve the basic needs of students, including federal loan participation	AB 705 Developmental Ed Implementation

# California Student Aid Proposal

CSAC staff directed to work with stakeholders and legislators to reform the existing Cal Grant program to:

- Remove or reduce eligibility and access barriers in the current Cal Grant program;
- Change the model of the Cal Grant program to focus on total cost of attendance, including maintaining full coverage of tuition and systemwide fees for public college and university students;
- Reinstate a formula for an annual adjustment to the maximum Cal Grant for students attending private nonprofit institutions; and
- Support additional Cal Grant eligibility for students taking summer coursework.

# Governor's Budget Proposal

- **Expansion of College Promise**

- \$40 Million to fund second year of attendance. Framework of AB 19 unchanged.

- **Cal Grant Expansion**

- \$121.6 million for public college Cal Grant recipients who have dependent children. \$6,000 maximum for A and B recipients. \$4,000 for C recipients.
- \$9.6 million to fund 4,250 new competitive Cal Grant awards, bringing the new total to 30,000 awards in 2019-20. The new awards are distributed evenly between the March deadline (open to all students) and the September deadline (for CCC students only).

# Assembly Proposal

- Assembly members Medina and McCarty have announced plans for a Cal Grant reform proposal. Details are not yet available.

# Next Steps

- Continue meeting with legislators and legislative staff
- Bill language being drafted by Legislative Council
- Continue securing internal/external support for proposal principles
- Ongoing meetings of Chancellor's Office Financial Aid Workgroup

Questions?

