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Reference Grant Award Number: #P042A201207
CALIFORNIA

MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT has been selected to receive funding under the STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM (84.042A). This grant will be in the amount of \$261,888.00 for the first budget period (09/01/2020 through 08/31/2021). It is anticipated that the grant will be for a total of 5 year(s). Please see the attached abstract for a brief description of the activities that will be funded under this grant.

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Purpose of the Program STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. Student Support Services (SSS) projects also may provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants (# 84.063). The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants.

Student Support Services Program

The purpose of the Student Support Services Program (SSS) is to provide academic and other support services to low-income, first-generation or disabled college students to increase students' retention and graduation rates, facilitate their transfer from two-year to four-year colleges, and foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income and first generation college students and individuals with disabilities.

Authority for this program is contained in Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 1, Section 402D of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions of higher education.

SSS Program participants must be low-income, a first-generation college student or an individual with disabilities. All participants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of postsecondary education at an institution of higher education and have a need for academic support.

Required SSS Program services include: (1) academic tutoring; (2) advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection; (3) information on financial aid programs and benefits and assistance in completing financial aid applications, including the FAFSA; (4) education or counseling services designed to improve financial and economic literacy; (5) activities designed to assist participants enrolled in four-year institutions in applying for admission to, and obtaining financial assistance for enrollment in, graduate and professional programs; and (6) activities designed to assist students enrolled in two-years institutions of higher education in applying for admission to, and obtaining financial assistance for enrollment in, four-year programs of postsecondary education.

A SSS Program may provide the following services: (1) individualized counseling for personal, career, and academic matters; (2) information, activities and instruction designed to acquaint students with the range of career options available; (3) exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available to disadvantaged students; (4) mentoring programs involving faculty or upper class students, or a combination thereof; (5) securing temporary housing during breaks in the academic year for students who are homeless children or youths and foster care youths; (6) programs and activities specially designed for students who are limited English proficient; and (7) other activities designed to meet the purposes of the SSS Program.