

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

College Access Challenge Grant Program

Also Known as

CACG Program

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.378

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Type of Assistance (by category)

Formula Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$0

Fiscal Year 2007 \$0

Fiscal Year 2008 \$66,000,000

Note: FY 2008 is the first year of funding.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 57

Average New Award: \$1,158,000

Range of New Awards: \$330,000–\$7,678,868

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title VII, Part E; 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1141

Program Regulations

EDGAR

Program Description

The CACG Program is a formula grant program in which funds are awarded based on the relative number of people in each state between the ages of 5 and 17 and between the ages of 15 and 44 who are living below the poverty line. This program fosters partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and philanthropic organizations through matching challenge grants that are aimed at increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Types of Projects

CACG Program grant projects are funded for two years and are authorized to implement an array of programs and strategies to ensure access to and participation in postsecondary education for underserved populations. Some of these activities include: the dissemination of information pertaining to postsecondary education benefits and opportunities, career preparation, outreach activities, need-based grant aid, and professional development for middle and high school counselors as well as financial aid and admissions counselors at institutions of higher education (IHEs).

Education Level (by category)

K–12

Subject Index

Academic Achievement, Counseling, High-Risk Students, Higher Education, Low Income

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<http://www.ed.gov/program/iegpsnrc/index.html>