

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (MHEC)

64.110 ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Program Description: The Maryland Higher Education Commission serves as the State-approving agency for veteran's educational benefits. Under a Professional Services Contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Commission receives Federal administrative funds to ascertain the qualifications and grant approval of educational institutions and/or training establishments to furnish courses of education. The following types of programs may be approved by the Commission for education or training under the Montgomery GI Bill: (1) courses at colleges and universities leading to associate, bachelor or graduate degrees, and accredited independent study; (2) courses leading to a certificate or diploma from business, technical or vocational schools; (3) correspondence courses; (4) flight training, if veteran holds a private pilot license and meets the medical requirements upon beginning the training program; (5) State-approved teacher certification programs; (6) noncredit preparatory courses necessary for admission to a college; and (7) licensing and certification tests.

Formula Description: Under a Professional Services Contract, the Maryland Higher Education Commission is reimbursed for reasonable and necessary salary and travel expenses incurred in ascertaining the qualifications or educational institutions and/or training establishments to furnish courses of education.

FY09	FY10(approp)	FY11(est)
\$ 219,277	\$ 333,394	\$ 314,739

Program Supported / Population Served: Veterans statewide

Governor's Goal #3 [Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012](#)

84.215K FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

Program Description: Funds are provided under a Congressional earmark to support the National Security STEM Initiative, a public/private partnership to plan a public charter STEM Academy Middle School in the Ft. Meade/ Anne Arundel County area.

Formula/Grant Description: This is a Congressionally Directed Grant ("Earmark").

FY09	FY10(approp)	FY11(est)
\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 281,000

Program Supported/ Population Served: STEM Middle School Academy/ Anne Arundel County middle school students

Governor's Goal #2 [Improve Student Achievement, and School, College and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by End 2015](#)

84.367 IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY STATE GRANTS

Program Description: The Maryland Higher Education Commission administers the higher education portion of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title II Part A funds. MHEC distributes funds through a competitive grant process to higher education institution and high need local education agency partnerships to provide professional development activities in core academic subjects such that all Maryland students are taught by highly qualified teachers. Eligible professional development program participants include teachers, highly qualified paraprofessionals, and principals.

Formula Description: The Maryland Higher Education Commission receives 2.5 percent of the State's total Title II allocation. The administrative portion is the greater of (1) the amount of FY 2001 funds received for administration under the former Eisenhower program, or (2) five percent of the funds available for competitive grants.

FY09	FY10 (approp)	FY11 (est)
\$ 1,849,310	\$ 1,693,077	\$ 1,693,077
\$ 53,888	\$ 53,888	\$ 53,888
	Professional Development:	
	Program Admin:	

Program Supported / Population Served: Redesign of Teacher Education, teacher professional development; K-12 teachers statewide

Governor's Goal #1 [Create, Save or Place Residents into 250,000 Jobs Maryland by End 2012](#) **and #2** [Improve Student Achievement, and School, College and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by End 2015](#)

84.378A MARYLAND COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT

Program Description: The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA), enacted on August 14, 2008 is the enabling legislation for this grant program. The Maryland Higher Education Commission uses the funds to support a competitive grant program aimed at increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Formula Description: States receive funds based on the relative number of people between the ages of 5 and 17 and between the ages of 15 and 44 who are living below the state poverty line. No state will receive less than half of one percent of the funds appropriated for a fiscal year. The State must provide a 1/3rd match for the funds received to be eligible to receive the full allocation.. The recently enacted healthcare/student aid bill signed into law March 2009 provides additional funding for this program beginning in FY 2011; award amount and qualifying match has not yet been determined.

FY09	FY10 (approp)	FY11 (est)
\$ 270,475	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000

Program Supported / Population Served: College readiness and preparation/low-income middle and high school students statewide Governor's Goals: 2. Increase student achievement, and school, college and career readiness in Maryland by 25% by end of 2015

84.690 LEAP (LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP)

Program Description: Supplements programs serving low and moderate-income students. These funds are part of the State's Educational Excellence Assistance Program (EEA).

Formula Description: States receive an allotment, and possibly a re-allotment, of funds based upon the number of students eligible to participate in the program in relation to the total number of students in all States. The State is required to match the funding on a one-to-one basis.

FY09
\$ 1,253,792

FY10 (approp)
\$ 1,271,546

FY11 (est)
\$ 1,271,546

Program Supported / Population Served: Educational Excellence Assistance Low-Income Students Program statewide

Governor's Goal # 2 Improve Student Achievement, and School, College and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25% by End 2015 and #3 Increase the Number of Marylanders Who Receive Skills Training by 20% by End 2012

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