

Alternatives in Action Board of Directors

Special Meeting for the Board of Directors

Thursday, December 15, 2016 • 5:00 pm to 5:15 pm

Location for Conference Call: 3666 Grand Ave., Suite A, Oakland, CA 94610

Conference Call – (800) 356-8278; Access Code - 409428

Agenda Items	Time	Lead	Strategic Planning Goal
1. Welcome! Call to Order; Approval of Agenda (Action) Board members will review agenda. 1.1 Alternatives in Action Agenda	5:00	Rita	
2. College Readiness Block Grant Funding Plan 2.1 Resolution to approve the College Readiness Block Grant Funding Plan, which will provide \$75,000 in one time funding from the California Department of Education (attached).	5:02	Oriana	
3. Acknowledgements & Adjourn	5:13	Rita	



**Resolution to Approve the College Readiness Block Grant Plan
Recommended for approval by the AIAHS Governing Committee on 10/12/2016**

Background:

The College Readiness Block Grant (CRBG) is established for the purposes of providing California's high school pupils, additional supports to increase the number who enroll at institutions of higher education and complete an undergraduate degree within four years. Beginning in October, the state's Department of Education will release \$200 million through its CRBG to prepare California disadvantaged high school students to meet admission requirements for California public universities. These grants aim to increase college attendance of underserved California high school students while providing administrators, counselors, and teachers with strategies for improving course completion rates, college readiness, and college-going rates. Alternatives in Action High School will receive \$75,000 as a result of this one-time funding allocation. Funding can be expended across multiple years.

Compliance requirements mandate:

- The school shall develop a plan describing how the funds will increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils to ensure college readiness. The plan shall include information regarding how it aligns with the charter school's LCAP. The plan shall also include a description of the extent to which all pupils within the charter school, particularly unduplicated pupils, will have access to A–G courses approved by the University of California. In order to ensure community and stakeholder input, the plan shall be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting by the governing board of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school and adopted at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting.
- Grant recipients shall report to the Superintendent by January 1, 2017 on how they will measure the impact of the funds received on their unduplicated pupils' access and successful matriculation to institutions of higher education, as identified within their plan.

Plan for Use of Funds:

Alternatives in Action High School will receive \$75,000 through the Career Readiness Block Grant. Funds will be split across fiscal year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. In the 2016-2017 year, \$40,000 will be expended and \$35,000 will be expended in the 2017-2018 year. Funds will be used for the following activities:

- Expand Leadership Team structure from meeting 1x per week for 35 minutes to 2x's per week for a total of 90 minutes on instructional time. The expansion of Leadership Team is included as an activity in the 2016-2017 Local Control Action Plan and addresses Goal 2, Action 3 (improve social emotional learning) and Goal 3, Action 1.5 (increase academic readiness and counseling).
 - Background: All AIAHS students attend Leadership Team. It serves as our version of an "Advisory Class." Leadership Team class sizes are small with no more than 15-18 students. In 2016-2017, Leadership Team will be expanded to include new curriculum

designed to deepen student understanding of post-high school options. Students will be trained to analyze their transcripts against A-G requirements, develop annual learning plans with clear goals based on post-high school aspirations and implement authentic assessments through portfolios and presentations.

- Fiscal Impact: Additional staff time will be needed to coordinate Leadership Team curriculum and staff development to support course outcomes. Twelve staff including Academic Coaches and Student Services Coaches will facilitate Leadership Team classes.

Expense Type	Purpose	Amount
Co-Director .1 FTE	Curriculum Development and Staff Training	\$10,000
Academic & Student Services Coaches (.05 FTE x 11 Coaches)	Leadership Team Facilitation & Prep	\$27,500
College Tours & Workshops	Transportation/food for college trips; food/supplies for college information sessions on-site	\$2,500
Total		\$40,000

Resolution:

The Governing Committee recommends that the Alternatives in Action Board of Directors approve the plan described above for use of College Readiness Block Grants funds.