

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Eric Bishop

DATE: November 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program Application

BACKGROUND

At the October 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to support submitting a grant application for planning and construction of affordable residential student housing under the newly implemented Higher Education Student Housing and Capacity Expansion Grant Program (SB 169). The legislation allows for one-time grant applications, through a competitive process, for the 1) construction of student housing, or 2) to acquire and renovate commercial properties for student housing. The legislation intends to provide affordable, low-cost housing options for students enrolled in public postsecondary education.

Consideration of this application falls within the college's Strategic Plan. Action Plan 6 of Goal 3, Objective 5, reads, "By 2022, explore the feasibility of developing student housing to recruit and retain at-risk and non-resident students." The nature of the state-sponsored grant specifically addresses at-risk populations and further the mission of Ohlone College to serve and address the diverse population of the District more inclusively and equitably.

On October 31, 2021 the Superintendent/President applied on behalf of the college. The grant provided an option for funding for both the college's Fremont and Newark properties for consideration of either as an option, ad directed by the Board. Preparation of the grant application was assisted by SCION, which is working on the college's feasibility study and PBK-WLC Architects. A copy of the application is included for information.

FISCAL IMPACT/CALCULATIONS

The fiscal impact of the grant application is based on the outcome of the college being awarded a grant. The application requested full funding for the project. Awards less than the full cost will move the College to consider alternative funding sources that do not impact the General Fund.

The following is a summary of the application specifics:

Proposed Site	Total Beds	Total Cost	
Fremont	226	\$121,944,954	
Newark	314	\$148,909,132	

TIMELINE

The timeline for the grant process is as follows:

- 10/31/21 Grant application submitted.
- 3/1/2022 Department of Finance provides a list of projects submitted and proposed for funding.
- 12/31/2022 Construction on the project could begin or by the earliest possible date thereafter.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item.