



# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
DATE: July 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Inmate Education Grant Program		Item Number: 3.6	
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Recommended By:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

**ISSUE:** This agenda item discusses the execution of a contract with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Finance on a new project made possible by SB 1391 (Hancock), which established a grant program to expand and improve inmate education programs offered by California community colleges.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 1392 included \$1.6 million for four local grants to develop and implement programs to educate inmates with the goal of improving post-release outcomes. The grants have been awarded to four colleges: Lassen College, Chaffey College, Antelope Valley College and Folsom Lake College.

Typically a contract of this nature would be brought to the Board of Governors for approval. However, because the negotiations were completed just prior to June 30, the deadline for encumbering the funds, the Chancellor, in consultation with the board President, exercised an exemption to this process.

Sections 318 (b) and 319 (b) of the board’s Standing Orders state that: “Under circumstances when the need to contract was not foreseeable, and when delaying approval of the contract until the next Board meeting would jeopardize the contract or frustrate its purpose, the Chancellor shall have the authority to enter into contracts in excess of the limits specified in this subsection. Before entering into such contracts, however, the Chancellor shall consult with the President of the Board.”

**RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented to the Board for information and discussion.

**ANALYSIS:** The timeline for this project was extremely condensed due to funding constraints. The Chancellor's Office received approval of the funding for this initiative in early May, 2015. The Academic Affairs Division immediately started the grant solicitation process and the final document was released to community college districts the beginning of May with a grant start date of June 29. The contractor for the consulting services was selected in late May 2015 and the contract fully executed late June 2016. Because the grant and contract funds were for the 2014-15 fiscal year, our agency had to encumber them by June 30, 2015.

There was not a board meeting during June when the grants and contracts were being executed. If the Chancellor's Office waited until the July 2015 board meeting, we would lose the funds. Due to these circumstances, the decision was made to utilize the exemption from board approval process.