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Item #IV-15
February 5, 2013

GENERAL GRANTS
FY2013 Grant Allocation to DePaul University

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item requests Board approval to award a general grant necessary to implement Board and state education policies.

Senate Bill 1828 was signed into law as Public Act 096-0107, effective July 30, 2009, creating the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System (LDS) Act. The law requires that all non-public institutions of higher education that participate in the Monetary Award Program begin supplying student unit record data directly to the Board of Higher Education or to the Board of Higher Education through a data consortium beginning July 1, 2012.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve this General Grant to DePaul University totaling \$239,000. These funds are available from federal grant funds that were awarded to the Illinois State Board Of Education.

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Among the provisions of the law is one that allows the IBHE to make available grant funding to a consortium of non-public institutions of higher learning to provide assistance in the development of a data collection system. This grant to DePaul University, an independent university that has a long history of participation in the current Illinois Shared Enrollment and Graduation File, will be used to provide technical and financial support to members who join the Consortium and other support services. These funds are available from federal grant funds that were awarded to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Staff recommends that the IBHE make a grant to DePaul University in the amount of \$239,000 to continue work of the Technical Advisory Group to perform, among others, the following tasks:

- To provide technical and financial support for new members to join the Consortium;
- To create regional support teams that have the ability to provide help to consortium institutions on data handling and data submission;
- To provide financial support to institutions that have specific limitations and severe resource limitations with a series of mini-grants;
- To meet and coordinate with the executive and administrative individuals for Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS);
- To work with the Administering Institution, National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), and the Illinois Higher Education Compact (IHEC) to support the submission of the Longitudinal Data System (LDS) data;
- To support the use of analysis and reporting tools by member institutions;
- To merge college and university submissions of current ILDS data with other data such as employment data and other data for the purpose of demonstrating analytics and reporting;
- To demonstrate predictive methodologies and analytical reports that can be run using participant data; and
- To investigate alternative metrics for studying success in higher education and demonstrate their use for the LDS data.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the General Grant described above. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to the grant award in the event that the federal funds are reduced or unavailable.