



**Wharton County
Junior College**

**Proposed Agenda Item
Board of Trustees Meeting**

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Date of Board Meeting: September 10, 2020

Date of This Proposal: August 12, 2020

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Information Item: Federal funding for TRiO Student Support Services Program from the Department of Education.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review information item.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The TRiO SSS Grant focuses on providing services to low-income, first generation, and disabled students to increase their graduation and transfer rates to a 4 year college. Funds are used to support a cohort of 144 students that have been accepted into the program. This support includes academic and student support services, instructional materials, and other activities as allowed by the grant guidelines and funding.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$261,018.00

No cost to the College. Grant funds will be deposited for expenditure from the Current Restricted Fund.

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Jessica Falcon, TRiO SSS Project Director

SIGNATURES:

Jessica Falcon
Originator

8/12/2020
Date

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

Dorothy Melnick

9-8-20



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OVERVIEW

Grant Award: Department of Education

Grant Title: TRiO Student Support Services Grant

Award Period: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2025

Annual Award Amount: \$261,018.00

Matching Requirement: None

Requirements for Consideration:

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The selection criteria for each participant is outlined within the grant and each applicant is scored using the provided rubric. Participants must complete a Project Application, Academic Records Release Form, Academic Self-Assessment, Interview with the SSS Staff, Student Participant Agreement, and must provide their latest income tax form or income documentation. Two-thirds of all project participants must meet the low-income standard set by the U.S. Department of Education's guidelines and first-generation college student criteria. The remaining one-third of the participants must meet the low-income, first-generation college student, or disabled requirement.