

Consider Acceptance of U. S. Department of Education TRIO Upward Bound Grant Award  
No Cost Extension for Budget Period 2024-2025

The Department of Education has notified the College that TRIO Upward Bound has been granted a no cost one month extension for the 2024-2025 Academic Year. The budget period is now September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. This extension will allow the College to carry forward and expend unutilized funds from this budget cycle beyond September 1, 2025. The current unexpended balance is \$1,898.15.

The grant is funded to serve 60 potential first-generation, low-income students that attend Ball High School annually. The program must serve at least 2/3 of students that are both first generation and low income or are at high academic risk of failure or have a disability. This college preparation program must include academic instruction in mathematics through pre-calculus, laboratory science, foreign language, composition, and literature, along with other courses intended to prepare students for a rigorous high school program. Academic advising in pre-college course selection, college course selection, activities designed to acquaint participants with the range of career options, leadership and academic programs, college exam preparation, financial aid assistance, financial literacy, mental health counseling and workshops are offered. Internships, service learning projects, early admission/dual credit, and college bridge program are offered. A six-week academic component each summer is required for participants during the duration of their high school years in addition to the services provided during the academic year. The goal is to provide services to help students overcome barriers to successfully completing a high school diploma, and earn an Associates and or Bachelor's degree within 6 years after high school graduation.

Staff requests Board approval of the no cost extension.