

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.12. TRIO EDUCATION TALENT SEARCH (ETS) BUDGET ALLOCATION

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Funding Source: FY26 budget

Budget Allocation: \$300,000.00

Description: Notification that TRIO Education Talent Search (ETS) grant funding will be discontinued effective September 30, 2025, was received by the Department of Education on September 15, 2025. The College has received this grant for 29 years.

The TRIO ETS grant provides funding for programming, outreach and services to four area high schools to support college readiness and improve college-going rates. The grant provided funds for CLC personnel and student workers who coordinate and deliver programming to over 800 high school students annually. This work with high schools is an important effort for CLC's strategic enrollment pipeline.

To prevent a gap in service to these high schools and prospective students, Administration recommends allocating operating budget resources (Education Fund 01) to cover personnel and supplies from September 2025 through June 2026.

Recommendation: Approve an FY26 budget allocation in total of \$300,000.00 for Education Fund (01) in the Educational Affairs unit to maintain core functions of TRIO Education Talent Search (ETS) programming and service through June 30, 2026.