

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (MHEC)

16.816 JOHN R. JUSTICE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Program Description: The John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program provides for the payment of eligible educational loans for Maryland State and Federal public defenders and prosecutors who agree to remain employed as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years. Eligible recipients must sign a service agreement each year of their three year service obligation to receive a payment under this program. Failure to fulfill the employment commitment requires repayment of the full amount received by the recipient to the U.S. Department of Justice. The Office of Student Financial Assistance of the Maryland Higher Education Commission administers the John R. Justice Program for the State of Maryland.

Program Supported/Population Served: Maryland State and Federal public defenders and prosecutors.

Formula/Grant Description: Under the auspices of the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2008, the Bureau of Justice Statistics provides a minimum base allocation for each state, territory, and the District of Columbia in the amount of \$50,000. The base amount is enhanced, funds permitting, by an amount proportional to that state's or territory's share of the national population.

84.367 IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY STATE GRANTS

Program Description: The Maryland Higher Education Commission administers the higher education portion of the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title II Part A funds. MHEC distributes funds through a competitive grant process to higher education institutions and high need local education agency partnerships. These funds are used to support professional development activities in core academic subjects such that all Maryland students are taught by highly qualified teachers. Eligible professional development program participants include teachers, highly qualified paraprofessionals, and principals.

Formula/Grant Description: The Maryland Higher Education Commission receives 2.5 percent of the State's total Title II federal allocation.

Program Supported/Population Served: Professional development in core academic content areas for highly qualified paraprofessionals, teachers, and principals from high need local education agencies.

84.378 MARYLAND COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT

Program Description: The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA), enacted on August 14, 2008 is the enabling legislation for this grant program. The Maryland Higher Education Commission partners with various non-profit organizations, higher education institutions and state agencies on initiatives that support both college access and success for low-income and underrepresented students. The matching requirement is one third of the total project costs. The State's One Step Away grant program is used as a match for the grant.

Grant/Formula Description: States receive funds based on the relative number of people between the ages of 5 and 17 and between the ages of 15 and 44 who are living at or below the federal poverty line.

Program Supported/Population Served: College access and success for low-income and underrepresented student populations in postsecondary education.

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