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**DATE:** December 2, 2016 SS&SP 16-03

 **VIA E-MAIL**

**TO:** Chief Executive Officers

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 Chief Student Services Officers

 Chief Business Officers

 Academic Senate Presidents

**FROM:** Pamela D. Walker, Ed.D.

 Vice Chancellor, Educational Services

**SUBJECT**: **Request for Application (RFA) for California College Promise Innovation Grant Program**

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office is pleased to announce the creation of the *California College Promise Innovation Grant Program.* The 2016-17 Budget appropriated one-time funding in the amount of $15 million, to support colleges interested in implementing new or expanding existing College Promise programs. Generally speaking, College Promise programs are partnerships which align local K-12 school districts, community colleges, and public university segments to provide clear pathways for students to follow in order to achieve their educational goals. In addition, a successful program should also improve college readiness, access, and the overall success of its participants.

These are one-time grant funds to be distributed as follows:

* The purpose of these grants is to enable colleges receiving an award to implement or expand a California College Promise program.
* It is the intent of the Legislature that community college districts develop partnerships with their local school districts and community organizations that will enable these successful programs to be replicated across the state and encourage students to pursue higher education.
* The maximum award amount of each grant is $750,000.

**Application Deadline: Friday, February 3, 2017, at 5:00 PM, PST**

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To assist colleges with technical questions about this RFA, the Chancellor’s Office’s will be conducting an online webinar on Friday, December 16, 12:00-1:00 PM. The logistical information is as follows:

**TITLE**: **California College Promise Innovation Grant Application Webinar**

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| Meeting Type: Meet & Confer | Is Your Computer Ready?How to Connect with Your Mobile Device |
| Meeting Link: <http://cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=b634edc2-86ae-4d43-b5a5-6f54414c229f> | Dial your telephone conference line: 1-913-312-3202\*Participant Passcode: 672450 |
| Meeting Passcode: **672450** | \*Toll free number available: 1-888-886-3951Participant Conference Feature\*6 - Mute/unmute your line |
| Start Time 12/16/2016 12:00 PMEnd Time 12/16/2016 01:00 PM | **FOR ASSISTANCE**CCC Confer Client Services Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pmPhone: 1-760-744-1150  ext. 1537 or 1554Email: clientservices@cccconfer.org |

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