



# Operating Protocol & Procedure

## Details:

Number: 503

Title: Amendment 50 Mini Grants

Category: Grants

Office of Primary Responsibility: HiPAC

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## Purpose:

To establish a process to allocate funds received by Pueblo Community College from Amendment 50 revenue.

## Applicability:

PCC employees

## Definitions:

None

## References:

Colorado Constitutional Amendment 50 (Limited Gaming in Central City, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek)

## Attachments or Related Forms/Documents:

Attachment A – Amendment 50 Request for Proposals Packet (found on Portal Forms tab)

Attachment B – Amendment 50 Proposal, Timeline, and Budget Attachment (found on Portal Forms tab)

## Operating Protocol:

Amendment 50 revenue dollars distributed to each college within the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) are calculated by a formula developed by CCCS. A portion of PCC's Amendment 50 funds will be allocated to fund various projects through mini grants.

## ***Background:***

On July 2, 2009, Colorado casinos began to allow \$100 maximum bets, offer the games of craps and roulette, and remain open 24 hours a day as the result of Amendment 50, approved by Colorado voters in 2008. The amendment earmarks additional State revenues generated by the increased limits, games and hours to community colleges and to the gaming towns and counties.

## ***Legislative Language:***

(A) seventy-eight percent to the state's public community colleges, junior colleges, and local district colleges to supplement existing state funding for student financial aid programs and classroom instruction programs; provided that such revenue shall be distributed to institutions that were operating on and after January 1, 2008, in proportion to their respective full-time equivalent student enrollments in the previous fiscal year; (source Amendment 50 Legislation)

***CCCS Guidance:***

"...key provision of the amendment is that this money is intended to *supplement*, NOT *supplant*, what we receive through the state budget. So it is not the intention of the voters that this money replace what we currently get, it is to add to our state funding. The amendment directs that the money is to be spent on classroom instruction and financial aid." (source: A message regarding the passage of Amendment 50 from Dr. Nancy McCallin, President of the Colorado Community College System)

**Procedure:**

Requests for Amendment 50 mini grants should be initiated by reviewing the Amendment 50 Request for Proposal packet for specific directions. Packets can be found on the Portal (on the Forms tab).

Individuals should follow the instructions included in the packet and submit the PCC Amendment 50 Request in Ultimus for approval. Once approvals have been received, the Proposal is routed to HiPAC for review, ranking, and submission to Cabinet with recommendations for funding approval. The HiPAC Review Committee, will consist of members selected by HiPAC to provide representation from across the College.

The Review Committee will review all proposals and may invite applicants to present their projects in a specified timeframe on a previously announce day and time. The HiPAC Review Committee will forward all proposals to HiPAC, with their recommendations to fund, or not to fund, the proposal for proposal rankings.

HIPAC will submit funding recommendations to Cabinet for their review and approval. Proposals not selected or recommended to Cabinet for funding will be referred back to the proposer, who has the option of researching the viability of external funding opportunities.

Cabinet will review HiPAC's recommendations and vote to fund or not fund the proposals as recommended by HiPAC. Cabinet's decision is final.

The HiPAC Review Committee will inform individuals, who have submitted proposals, of decisions regarding the proposals at the conclusion of the selection process.