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MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, INC. has been selected to receive funding under the EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS PROGRAM (84.066A). This grant will be in the amount of \$1,107,920.00 for the first budget period (09/01/2016 through 08/31/2017). It is anticipated that the grant will be for a total of 5 year(s). Please see the attached abstract for a brief description of the activities that will be funded under this grant.

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Purpose of the Program EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

The Educational Opportunity Centers program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions

ABSTRACT

The Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program provides grants to projects designed to provide information regarding financial and academic assistance available to individuals who desire to pursue a program of postsecondary education; to provide assistance to individuals in applying for admission to institutions that offer programs of postsecondary education, including assistance in preparing necessary applications for use by admissions and financial aid officers, and improve the financial and economic literacy of participants on topics such as; basic personal income, household money management, and financial planning skills; and basic economic decision making skills.

EOC projects provide information campaigns designed to inform the community about opportunities for postsecondary education and training, academic advice and assistance in course selection, assistance in completing college admission and financial aid application, and assistance in preparing for college entrance examinations. Projects may also provide education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants, guidance on secondary school reentry or entry to a General Education Development (GED) program or other alternative education program for secondary school dropouts. Additional services include providing individualized personal, career, and academic counseling, tutorial service, career workshops and counseling. EOC projects provide mentoring programs involving elementary and secondary school teachers, faculty members at institution of higher education, students, or any combination of these persons, and provides activities and services specially designed for participants who are limited English proficient, participants from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education, participants with disabilities, participants who are homeless children and youth, participants in foster care or are aging out of foster care, or other disconnected participants.

The goal of EOC is to increase the number of adults from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete a secondary school diploma or equivalent and enroll in a postsecondary institution.