

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY



MINORITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (MAP)

Submission Deadline

May 17, 2024

Fiscal Award Period

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027



Connecticut Office of Higher Education Announces

Notice of Funding Availability Minority Advancement Program (MAP)

The Office of Higher Education (OHE) is pleased to announce the availability of state funds to support new and re-competing ConnCAP and PASS programs to start in the 2024-2027 grant cycle.

What is MAP?

In 1983, Volume 3, Title 10a, Chapter 185, Section 10a-11 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut established the Minority Advancement Program (MAP), administered by the Office of Higher Education (OHE). MAP and its grant programs (ConnCAP and PASS) have provided academic support services to thousands of Connecticut's disadvantaged minority middle, high school, and undergraduate college students since its inception. Disadvantaged minority students often have limited resources and are underserved, limiting their academic achievement. MAP supports educational equity by providing much-needed resources and improving academic achievement among Connecticut's minority students. The program's efforts help increase educational equity and the diversity of students attending and graduating from Connecticut's colleges and universities.

On a competitive basis, MAP funding is open to all of Connecticut's nonprofit institutions of higher education, both public and private. Upon issuing a request for proposals, an OHE panel will assess the proposals based on program rationale, design, and outcomes, focusing on the proposed impact on retention and graduation rates and demonstrated institutional capacity and support. Once applicants are selected, OHE staff provides oversight and program monitoring for compliance. In addition, OHE continuously evaluates grantee activities to assess program efficacy and supports grantees by providing feedback and best practices for improving program design and delivery.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

ConnCAP

An individual institution of higher education in Connecticut can apply for a grant to carry out a ConnCAP initiative. Both public and independent higher education institutions are eligible.

Eligible applicants will:

- Demonstrate existing linkages with one or more public school system(s), evidenced in the request for proposal application submission.
- Require all dedicated ConnCAP program staff to attend program meetings, training, or site visits by OHE (the grantee will receive advance notice of all meetings, training, or visits).
- Prepare and submit all required reports and deliverables using supplied forms following OHE's format, descriptions, and dates, comprehensively addressing all qualitative and quantitative inquiries.

PASS

Any individual Connecticut public institution of higher education can apply for a grant to carry out a PASS initiative. Both two-year and four-year public higher education institutions are eligible.

Eligible applicants will:

- Demonstrate an existing cohort of underserved minority students on academic warning or probation requiring additional support above and beyond the existing probationary supports offered by the IHE as part of the Standard Academic Progress (SAP) policy or process.
- Demonstrate an existing need to support underserved minority students' retention, persistence, and graduation rates.
- Require all dedicated PASS program staff to attend program meetings, training, or site visits by OHE (the grantee will receive advance notice of all meetings, training, or visits).
- Prepare and submit all required reports and deliverables using supplied forms following OHE's format, descriptions, and dates, comprehensively addressing all qualitative and quantitative inquiries.

Important Dates

Application submission deadline	May 17, 2024
Grant award notification	May 31, 2024

Questions?

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