# Single Audit Act Supplementary Financial and Compliance Report Section



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# Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees City Colleges of Chicago Community Colleges District No. 508

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of City Colleges of Chicago, Community College District No. 508 (City Colleges), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2018. Our report includes an emphasis of a matter paragraph relative to the adoption of the reporting and disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which required a restatement to opening net position. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered City Colleges' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City Colleges' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City Colleges' internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City Colleges' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois October 15, 2018



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# Report On Compliance For Each Major Federal Program and Report On Internal Control Over Compliance Required By The Uniform Guidance

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees City Colleges of Chicago Community College District No. 508

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited City Colleges of Chicago, Community College District No. 508's (City Colleges) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of City Colleges' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. City Colleges' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of City Colleges' major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about City Colleges' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of City Colleges' compliance.

#### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, City Colleges complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

#### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2018-001, 2018-002, 2018-003, and 2018-004. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

City Colleges' responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. City Colleges' responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of City Colleges is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered City Colleges' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City Colleges' internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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	Federal CFDA	Pass-Through Entity's Identifying	Federal Project Grantor's	Total	Pass - Through
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Number		Number	Expenditures	To Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Education -					
Student Financial Assistance Cluster:					
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063				
Kennedy King College			P063P176807	\$ 6,370,252	\$ -
Olive Harvey College			P063P176999	4,168,693	-
Harold Washington College			P063P176870	15,698,007	-
Truman College			P063P176996	6,205,201	-
Malcolm X College			P063P176907	11,342,686	-
Wright College			P063P176997	11,947,781	-
Daley College			P063P176878	5,038,947	-
Total Federal Pell Grant				60,771,567	
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033				_
Kennedy King College			P033A171193	203,170	_
Olive Harvey College			P033A171249	74,709	_
Harold Washington College			P033A171193	326,199	_
Truman College			P033A171100	267,912	_
Malcolm X College			P033A171212	152,005	-
Wright College			P033A171316	258,122	-
Daley College			P033A171287	64,813	_
Total Federal Work-Study Program				1,346,930	
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Program	84.007				-
Kennedy King College			P007A171193	221,113	-
Olive Harvey College			P007A171249	146,034	-
Harold Washington College			P007A171207	455,018	_
Truman College			P007A171100	230,921	-
Malcolm X College			P007A171212	279,578	-
Wright College			P007A171316	335,732	-
Daley College			P007A171287	210,037	-
Total Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants				1,878,433	
Federal Direct Student Loans					
Kennedy King College	84.268		P268K186807	1,310,053	-
Olive Harvey College	84.268		P268K186999	1,004,162	-
Harold Washington College	84.268		P268K186870	1,338,395	-
Truman College	84.268		P268K186996	1,074,978	-
Malcolm X College	84.268		P268K186907	2,092,304	-
Wright College	84.268		P268K186997	672,661	-
Daley College	84.268		P268K186878	182,635	
Total Federal Direct Student Loans				7,675,188	
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster:				71,672,118	<u> </u>

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA E Number	Pass-Through Entity's Identifying Number	Federal Project Grantor's Number	Total Expenditures	Pass - Through To Subrecipients
TRIO Cluster:					
TRIO- Student Support Services					
Student Support Services Program	84.042A		P042A151046-16	26,057	-
Student Support Services Program	84.042A		P042A151046-17	220,132	-
Student Support Services Program	84.042A		P042A150138-16	15,259	-
Student Support Services Program	84.042A		P042A150138-17	208,320	
Subt	otal 84.042A			469,768	
TRIO - Talent Search Program:					
Talent Search Grant	84.044A		PO44A160557	39,912	-
Talent Search Grant	84.044A		PO44A160557-17	311,388	
Subt	otal 84.044A			351,300	
TRIO - Educational Opportunity Centers					-
Educational Opportunity Centers Program	84.066A		PO66A160284	29,906	_
Educational Opportunity Centers Program	84.066A		PO66A160284-17	212,495	_
	otal 84.066A			242,401	
Total TRIO Cluster  Adult Education - Basic Grants to States				1,063,469	
Passed through the Illinois Community College Board					
Adult Education Grant - Basic	84.002A	F5080118	F5080118	1,592,665	_
	otal 84.002A	13000110	1,5000110	1,592,665	<del></del>
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Higher Education Institutional Aid  Wright Start: Increasing Hispanic Student Success in the First Year of College	84.031S		P031S120098-16	98,478	_
Wright Start: Increasing Hispanic Student Success in the First Year of College	84.031S		P031S120098-16	233,863	_
	otal 84.031S		10315120070 10	332,341	
Higher Education Institutional Aid	0110215			332,311	
Truman College Critical Reading and Science Centers	84.031S		P031S150026-16	77,394	_
Truman College Critical Reading and Science Centers	84.031S		P031S150026-17	479,624	_
· ·	otal 84.031S			557,018	
I	otal 84.031S			889,359	
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States Passed through the Illinois Community College Board Perkins III Grant	84.048	CTE50818	CTE50818	2,482,327	

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	Federa		s-Through	Federal		
			s Identifying	Project Grantor's	Total	Pass - Through
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Numbe	er N	lumber	Number	Expenditures	To Subrecipients
Career and Technical Education						
Passed through the Illinois Community College Board	04.0		TT 10 10010	GTT 10 50010		
Perkins Leadership Improvement Grant	84.0		ΓE-IG-50818	CTE-IG-50818	4,663	-
	Total 84.0	)48			2,486,990	-
Strengthening Minority-Serving Institutions	0.4.20	00.4		D202 1 1 50022 1 6	117.710	
Olive Harvey College	84.38			P382A150033-16	117,743	-
Olive Harvey College	84.38			P382A150033-17	387,271	
	Subtotal 84.38	82A			505,014	
Strengthening Minority-Serving Institutions						
Pipeline to Careers in Healthcare	84.38	82A		P382A150024-16	143,152	-
Pipeline to Careers in Healthcare	84.38	82A		P382A150024-17	468,796	-
*	Subtotal 84.38				611,948	-
	Total 84.38				1,116,962	
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Total Expenditures - U.S. Department of Education					78,821,563	
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services -						
Head Start						
Passed through the City of Chicago Department of Family and Suppo	ort					
Services:						
Head Start Program	93.6	500	33362-2		277,292	-
Head Start Program	93.6	500	33362-3		488,459	-
Head Start Support Services Program	93.6	500	33576-2		129,762	-
Head Start Support Services Program	93.6	500	33576-3		130,728	-
Early Head Start Support Services - Child Care Partnership	93.6	500	37613-3		102,614	-
Early Childhood Support Services	93.6	500	52755-1		16,575	-
Early Head Start Grant	93.6	500	52755-2		17,867	
	Total 93.6	500			1,163,297	
Child Care						
Passed through the City of Chicago Department of Family and Suppo	ort					
Services:  Child Care Services Program	93.5	596	28412-5		16,757	-
Oral Health						
Passed through Illinois Department of Public Health:						
Oral Health Workforce Grant	93.2		83489101F		5,478	-
Oral Health Workforce Grant	93.2		83489101F		15,182	_
	Total 93.2	236			20,660	
Total Expenditures - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services					1,200,714	

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number		Federal Project Grantor's Number	Total Expenditures	Pass - Through To Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Agriculture -					
Passed through the Illinois State Board of Education					
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.55			17,852	-
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.55			133,763	
Total Expenditures - U.S. Department of Agriculture	Total 10.55	3		151,615 151,615	· ·
National Science Foundation -					
Education and Human Resources					
Advanced Technological Education Program	47.07	5	DUE-1550438	6,148	
<b>Total Expenditures - National Science Foundation</b>				6,148	
Office of Naval Research -					
Midwest Association for Science and Services (Critical Mass)	12.30	)	N00014-16-1-3077	279,303	
<b>Total Expenditures - Research and Development Cluster</b> Highway Planning and Construction				279,303	<u> </u>
Passed through the Illinois Community College Board Highway Construction Careers Training Program	20.20	5	S-HCCTP-508	290,611	
National Endowment for the Humanities					
NEH Humanities Grant	45.16	2	AC-258931-18	23,823	
Passed through University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign					
Passed through Illinois Institute of Technology					
high altitude ballooning	43.00	}	NNX14AR13A	12,120	-
Total Expenditures - Other Federal Agencies				326,554	<u>·</u>
Total All Programs				\$ 80,785,897	\$ -

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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# NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

# Note 1. Scope of Entity

City Colleges of Chicago, Community College District No. 508 (City Colleges) is a separate taxing body created under the Illinois Public Community College Act of 1965, with boundaries coterminous with the City of Chicago. City Colleges delivers educational and student services through seven colleges, each of which is separately accredited by the North Central Association. The seven colleges are Richard J. Daley College, Harold Washington College, Kennedy-King College, Malcolm X College, Olive-Harvey College, Harry S. Truman College, and Wilbur Wright College. The Board of Trustees, appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago and ratified by the City Council of Chicago, is responsible for establishing the policies and procedures by which City Colleges is governed. The U.S. Department of Education has been designated as the City Colleges' cognizant agency for the audit performed in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

**Fiscal period audited**: Single Audit testing procedures were performed for program transactions that occurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

# **Note 2.** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Basis of accounting**: The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of City Colleges and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements. The amounts presented in this schedule have been reconciled to the City Colleges' basic financial statements.

Cost allocation: City Colleges has a plan for allocation of common and indirect costs related to grant programs in accordance with the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. The indirect cost rate used to allocate amounts to grant programs during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, is primarily based on a federally negotiated higher education rate agreement of 50.5%. Because the College negotiated an indirect cost rate it cannot elect to use the 10% de minimus rate.

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# NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)

## **Note 3.** Student Loan Programs

Loans made under the Federal Direct Student Loan program issued to eligible students of City Colleges during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, are summarized as follows:

Guaranteed Loan Programs:

Subsidized	\$ 4,000,797
Unsubsidized	3,631,565
Parent Plus	42,826
Total Federal Student Loan Programs	\$ 7,675,188

The loan programs include subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loans and Parent PLUS Loans. The value of loans issued for the Federal Student Loan Program is based on disbursement amounts. The loan amounts issued during the year are disclosed on the schedule. City Colleges is responsible only for the performance of certain administrative duties with respect to the federally guaranteed student loan programs and, accordingly, balances and transactions relating to these loan programs are not included in City Colleges' basic financial statements. Therefore, it is not practicable to determine the balance of loans outstanding to students and former students of City Colleges at June 30, 2018.

## Note 4. Other Noncash Assistance

City Colleges did not receive federal noncash assistance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

## Note 5. Amount of Federal Insurance in Effect During the Year

No federal insurance was received by City Colleges during the year ended June 30, 2018.

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# Section I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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Finan	cial	Statem	ents

Financial Statements					
Type of report the auditor issued on who accordance with GAAP: <i>Unmodified</i>	ether the financial	stateme	ents aud	ited were prepa	red in
Internal control over financial reporting:	:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	<u>X</u>	No	
Significant deficiency(ies) identif	ied?	Yes	<u>X</u>	None Reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		Yes	<u>X</u> 1	No	
Federal Awards					
Internal control over major programs:					
Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	<u>X</u>	No	
Significant deficiency(ies) identif	ied?	_Yes	X	None Reported	
Type of auditor's report issued on complete	liance for major fe	deral p	rograms	:: Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are rebe reported in accordance with section 200.516(a)?		Yes		No	
Identification of major programs:					
<u>CFDA Numbers</u> 84.063, 84.033, 84.007, 87.268 84.048	Names of Fed Student Financ Career and Tec	ial Ass	istance	Cluster	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish be type A and type B programs	tween		\$2,4	23,070	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	_	X Yes	<u></u> I	No	

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# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

#### Section II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no financial statement findings required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Section III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS

There were no internal control significant deficiencies or material weaknesses over the federal awards identified for fiscal year 2018. The compliance findings identified are as follows:

# Finding 2018-001 – Eligibility

**Repeat Finding:** No

Federal Program Title – U.S. Department of Education

Federal Pell Grant Program: 84.063 Federal Work-Study Program 84.033

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants Program 84.007

Federal Direct Student Loans: 84.268 Federal Award Year 2017-2018

#### **Condition**

The College was unable to provide verification documents for one student whose Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) was selected for verification testing.

#### Criteria

34 CFR Section 668.57 states that if an applicant is selected to verify any of the specified criteria, the College must obtain specified documentation based on the verification flag type on the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).

## **Questioned Costs**

\$1,680

#### Cause

City Colleges does not retain student verification documents electronically and the College was unable to locate the physical verification documents submitted by the student.

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# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

## Section III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

#### **Prevalence**

Isolated. One out of forty student testing selections.

#### **Effect**

Noncompliance with federal regulations could result in the loss of future federal financial aid funding.

#### Recommendation

We recommend City Colleges implement procedures to ensure that all verification completion documents are retained subsequent to award disbursement.

## Views of responsible officials

We agree with this finding. See corrective action plan.

# Finding 2018-002 – Use of Federal Work Study Funds

**Repeat Finding:** Yes, partial.

**Federal Program Title** – U.S. Department of Education

Federal Work-Study Program 84.033 Federal Award Year 2017-2018

#### **Condition**

During review of the Federal Work Study (FWS) program, we noted that at one of the seven campuses, the College did not employ a student in a reading tutor or family literacy project.

#### Criteria

34 CFR section 675.18 states that City Colleges must use at least seven percent of the sum of its initial and supplemental FWS allocations for an award year to compensate students employed in community service activities. In meeting this requirement, the College must include at least one of the following:

- a.) The reading tutoring project employs one or more FWS students as reading tutors for children who are preschool age or who are in elementary school, or,
- b.) The family literacy project employs one or more FWS students in family literacy activities.

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# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

#### Section III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

# **Questioned Costs**

There were no questioned costs with respect to this finding.

#### Cause

City Colleges' employees did not have adequate training on the requirements for the use of FWS program funds and they could not find students to meet the requirements.

#### **Prevalence**

Isolated. This finding was prevalent at one out of seven campuses.

#### **Effect**

Noncompliance with federal regulations could result in the loss of future federal financial aid funding.

#### Recommendation

To meet the requirements of the FWS program, we recommend that City Colleges train employees over FWS program requirements and hire personnel to fill reading tutor positions.

## Views of responsible officials

We agree with this finding. See corrective action plan.

## Finding 2018-003 – Enrollment Reporting

**Repeat Finding:** Yes

Federal Program Title – U.S. Department of Education

Federal Pell Grant Program: 84.063 Federal Work-Study Program 84.033

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants Program 84.007

Federal Direct Student Loans: 84.268 Federal Award Year 2017-2018

#### Condition

Three students out of forty tested withdrew from City Colleges for which status changes were not properly reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

#### Section III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

#### Criteria

CFR section 685.309(b)(2) requires City Colleges to notify the lender within 30 days if City Colleges discovers that a student who received a loan either did not enroll or was not enrolled on at least a half-time basis. For official student status changes, City Colleges has 60 days to notify the lender if the next scheduled roster date is within 60 days of the date of determination.

#### **Questioned Costs**

There were no questioned costs related to testing of enrollment reporting.

#### Cause

The financial aid office does not have an effective system in place to ensure all official student status changes are reported to the lender in a timely manner.

#### **Prevalence**

Isolated. Three out of forty student testing selections.

## **Effect**

Noncompliance with federal regulations could result in the loss of future federal financial aid funding. In addition, not reporting enrollment changes within the required timeframe can impact the specified student's loan deferment and repayment.

#### Recommendation

We recommend that City Colleges implement procedures to ensure the financial aid office is promptly notified of any student status changes, so the information may be reported to the lender in a timely manner. City Colleges should implement a review process to ensure all status changes are addressed by the financial aid office.

#### Views of responsible officials

We agree with this finding. See corrective action plan.

Finding 2018-004 – Reporting

**Repeat Finding:** No

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# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

#### Section III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

Federal Program Title – U.S. Department of Education, Passed Through the Illinois

Community College Board

Career and Technical Education: 84.048

Federal Award Year: 2017 - 2018

## **Condition**

City Colleges did not submit quarterly performance reports to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) in a timely manner.

#### Criteria

There are two grants associated with the Career and Technical Education: Perkins III Grant and Perkins Leadership Grant. Both grants require quarterly performance submissions to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB).

#### **Ouestioned Costs**

There were no questioned costs related to testing of enrollment reporting.

## Cause

City Colleges does not have an effective system in place to ensure that all performance reports have been submitted prior to published deadlines.

#### Prevalence

Systemic. The Perkins Leadership Grant was only applicable for two out of the four quarters of fiscal year 2018, City Colleges did not submit either quarterly report prior to the reporting deadline.

#### **Effect**

Noncompliance with federal regulations could result in the loss of future federal funding.

#### Recommendation

To ensure reporting requirements are met, we recommend designing and implementing controls to ensure quarterly reports are reviewed and submitted in a timely manner.

## Views of responsible officials

We agree with this finding. See corrective action plan.



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# SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

**Identifying Number: 2017-001 Accounts Payable** 

<u>Audit Finding:</u> City Colleges did not have adequate internal controls and procedures in place during fiscal year 2017 to ensure all unrecorded liabilities had been accounted for at year-end, or that the accounts payable subledger was reconciled to the trial balance.

Status: Corrected

<u>Corrective Action Taken:</u> The Finance department worked with the Office of Information and Technology to develop reports to identify exceptions, non-posting entries, and to reconcile the accounts payable subledger to the general ledger. Additionally, provided additional training to accounts payable staff on year-end posting and closing procedures to ensure transactions were recorded in the correct fiscal year.

## **Identifying Number: 2017-002 Enrollment Reporting**

<u>Audit Finding:</u> During review of the Student Financial Aid Cluster, two students tested withdrew from City Colleges for which status changes were not reported to the National Student Loan Data System.

Status: Uncorrected, Repeat in fiscal year 2018. See finding 2018-003.

# **<u>Identifying Number</u>**: 2017-003 Use of Federal Work Study Funds

<u>Audit Finding:</u> During review of the Federal Work Study Program (FWS), the following was identified:

- a) City Colleges did not employ a student in a reading tutor or family literacy project at five of seven campuses; and
- b) City Colleges did not use at least seven percent of the sum of its initial and supplemental FWS allocations for an award year to compensate students employed in community service activities at one campus.



# SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 (continued)

Status: Partially corrected, See finding 2018-002.

<u>Corrective Action Taken:</u> Partial repeat in fiscal year 2018. City Colleges did not employ a student in a reading tutor or family literacy project at one of seven campuses. See finding 2018-002. Offsite arrangements with other community organizations ensured that FWS funds were used for community service in excess of the required seven percent.

#### **Identifying Number: 2017-004 Earmarking Requirement**

<u>Audit Finding:</u> During review of the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) and Talent Search (TS) program, the following was identified:

- a) Only twenty five percent of disabled participants served were also low-income at an SSS program;
- b) The Secretary in the Federal Register invited applications for competition but City Colleges only served fifty-one participants for a TS program; and
- c) Only sixty-three percent of participants in a TS program were low-income and potential first-generation college students.

Status: Corrected

<u>Corrective Action Taken:</u> In relation to the SSS program, City Colleges increased monitoring of participant eligibility. In relation to the TS program, City Colleges discontinued the program.

# **Identifying Number: 2017-005 Reporting Requirement**

<u>Audit Finding:</u> During review of the Talent Search Program, it was noted that City Colleges did not sign the annual performance report that was submitted to the Department of Education.

Status: Corrected

<u>Corrective Action Taken:</u> The TRIO Talent Search Program at Kennedy-King College developed a revised system for submission of the Annual Performance Report to the Department of Education.



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# **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS**

**Finding 2018-001** – **Eligibility:** The College was unable to provide verification documents for one student whose Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) was selected for verification testing. 34 CFR Section 668.57 states that if an applicant is selected to verify any of the specified criteria, the College must obtain specified documentation based on the verification flag type on the ISIR.

#### **Corrective Action Taken or Planned**

City Colleges of Chicago has completed an RFP process to identify a vendor with a product/service that will allow students to complete CCC financial aid forms electronically and to scan and attach required documentation to an electronic form. We are in the process of implementing the contract and are on target to have all 2019-2020 financial aid documents stored electronically on the vendor's secure server. Financial aid staff will have 24-7 access to our stored documents and we will be able to print copies on demand, when needed for audit review.

Contact person: Robert Covey-Robbins Anticipated completion date: 12/03/2018

**Finding 2018-002** – **Use of Federal Work Study Funds**: During review of the Federal Work Study (FWS) program, we noted that at one of the seven campuses, the College did not employ a student in a reading tutor or family literacy project. 34 CFR section 675.18 states that City Colleges must use at least seven percent of the sum of its initial and supplemental FWS allocations for an award year to compensate students employed in community service activities. In meeting this requirement, the College must include at least one of the following:

- a.) The reading tutoring project employs one or more FWS students as reading tutors for children who are preschool age or who are in elementary school; or
- b.) The family literacy project employs one or more FWS students in family literacy activities.



# **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS** (Continued)

#### **Corrective Action Taken or Planned**

The Financial Aid Director at Olive-Harvey College has worked with the Child Care Center at their campus to place a FWS student as a reading tutor there. Additionally, the Director has scheduled meetings with two community based organizations to discuss the possibility of placing additional reading and math tutors. Meetings are currently scheduled with Phalanx Family Services and Chicago Youth Center.

Contact person: Robert Covey-Robbins

Anticipated completion date: Minimum corrective action has already been met. Additional efforts will continue to ensure that the campus does not rely on just one student to meet the requirement.

Finding 2018-003 – Enrollment Reporting: Three students out of forty tested withdrew from City Colleges for which status changes were not properly reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). CFR section 685.309(b)(2) requires City Colleges to notify the lender within 30 days if City Colleges discovers that a student who received a loan either did not enroll or was not enrolled on at least a half-time basis. For official student status changes, City Colleges has 60 days to notify the lender if the next scheduled roster date is within 60 days of the date of determination.

#### **Corrective Action Taken or Planned**

Timing issues are the primary cause of not fully meeting enrollment reporting requirements. A student may enroll in a class, attend one day, and then drop the class prior to the date that an enrollment reporting file is created. Students who drop classes prior to our transcript date do not appear to have attended at all and the student is omitted from the enrollment file.

We acknowledge the need to verify requirements to report enrollment and the processes to enable CCC to do so. Our information technology staff are reviewing specific requirements and how National Student Clearinghouse utilizes data to determine the best course of action to bring CCC into full compliance. While conducting analysis, a separate report will be run at the time NSC files are sent to identify students who withdrew between the beginning of a term and the transcript date of that term. Those students will be manually updated in NSC to reflect the correct enrollment status and effective date.



# **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS** (Continued)

Contact person: Robert Covey-Robbins

Anticipated completion date: 7/01/2019 (Interim process in place immediately)

**Finding 2018-004** – **Reporting:** City Colleges did not submit quarterly performance reports to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) in a timely manner for the Perkins Leadership Grant. The Perkins Leadership Grant requires quarterly financial and performance reports and midterm and final report.

#### **Corrective Action Taken or Planned**

The Apprenticeship and Workforce Solutions team at Harold Washington College has developed a revised system for submission of the quarterly financial and performance reports to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). The Coordinator-Grant Program will provide the Executive Director with a draft of both the quarterly financial and performance reports three weeks in advance of the required submission date. The Executive Director will review the reports no less than one week prior to the required submission date. Updates and revisions will be made by the Coordinator-Grant Program and resubmit to the ED for final review and sign off no later than three business days before submission. Using this revised system, the quarterly financial and performance submissions will be made timely to ICCB for CTE Grants.

Contact person: Paul Thompson III, Executive Director Apprenticeship and Workforce Solutions

Anticipated completion date: 10/1/18