



## Tab 14 FY 2025 MoExcels Recommendations

Coordinating Board for Higher Education  
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### BACKGROUND

The MoExcels initiative facilitates development and expansion of employer-driven education and training programs to substantially increase educational attainment and career opportunities for populations historically underserved by higher education.

Since FY 2020, 75 higher education projects have been funded through MoExcels providing institutions with nearly \$108 million in funding to establish or expand these workforce-connected projects. The table below provides a summary of the program by fiscal year. In FY 2021, due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, no MoExcels projects were funded. However, the Governor and General Assembly did fund 17 of those proposals in FY 2022.

Fiscal Year	Proposals Submitted	Dollars Requested (millions)	Proposals Funded	Dollars Appropriated (millions)
2020	39	\$74.8	18	\$16.3
2021	26	\$37.8		
2022	17 <sup>1</sup>	\$21.8	17	\$21.8
2023	28	\$50.8	21	\$31.5
2024	25	\$50.3	19	\$38.3

### CURRENT STATUS

The application process for MoExcels for FY 2025 started on May 4, 2023 when the call for proposals was released against a deadline of July 3. Staff reviewed and scored the submitted proposals using the rubric found in Attachment C, which was posted online and distributed to institutions along with proposal instructions. Once the submission deadline had passed, MDHEWD staff followed up with institutions to seek additional information and clarify proposals. Staff from MDHEWD and the Department of Economic Development then reviewed scoring on August 14 and 15, and the attached ranked list (Attachment D) is the product of those processes.

For FY 2025, institutions submitted and the review team ranked 22 requests for new funds for a total of \$49.4 million. One request was submitted too late to be reviewed and ranked in time for this meeting agenda. Because that project is contingent on action by the local community, the scoring/ranking of the project will be delayed until those results are known. That project is noted with an asterisk in Attachment D. Proposal summaries are found in Attachment E.

### NEXT STEPS

Upon approval from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the funding recommendations in Attachment D will be sent to the Governor's Office and Office of Administration for consideration in the FY 2025 budget.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of the MoExcels funding recommendations contained in Attachment D.

### ATTACHMENTS

- A. FY 2025 MoExcels Request for Proposals
- B. FY 2025 MoExcels Application
- C. FY 2025 MoExcels Scoring Rubric
- D. FY 2025 MoExcels Recommendations
- E. FY 2025 MoExcels Proposal Summaries

<sup>1</sup> Please note: Although 26 projects were approved for \$37.8 million by the Coordinating Board for FY 2021, the Governor only recommended 17 of those projects for funding. However, due to the expected economic impact of the pandemic, those funds were withheld and not released. Consequently, no projects were funded for FY 2021. During the 2021 legislative session, the 17 projects recommended by the Governor the year before were "reapproved" by the Board and funded for \$21.8 million for FY 2022.