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Dear Colleagues:

Assembly Bill (AB) 85 amended the 2020-21 Budget Act to include a one-time appropriation of \$650,000 to support University of California campus efforts to increase student applications to the CalFresh program. These funds may be used to create outreach materials, host events, fulfill equipment needs, and support application assistance. Such application assistance may include hiring staff and student workers to support students as they apply for CalFresh, and/or to provide clarification about how to use CalFresh benefits. Please see Attachment 1 for the Budget Act language regarding these funds.

Campus allocations for 2020-21 can be found below. The \$650,000 was allocated based on the estimated proportion of food-insecure undergraduate and graduate students on each campus. These proportions were informed by data collected during the 2020 UC Undergraduate Experience Survey and 2016 Graduate Student Wellbeing Survey (the most recent data available).

CAMPUSES

Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
UCLA
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
San Francisco
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz

MEDICAL CENTERS

Davis
Irvine
UCLA
San Diego
San Francisco

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Lawrence Berkeley
Lawrence Livermore
Los Alamos

<i>AB 85 CalFresh Allocations</i>	
<i>Campus</i>	<i>Allocation Based on Proportion of Food-Insecure Students</i>
Berkeley	\$ 82,900
Davis	\$ 89,700
Irvine	\$ 87,000
Los Angeles	\$ 74,100
Merced	\$ 29,900
Riverside	\$ 73,600
San Diego	\$ 90,800
San Francisco	\$ 5,600
Santa Barbara	\$ 64,800
Santa Cruz	\$ 51,600
Total	\$ 650,000

Campus allocations of these funds reflect three guiding principles:

- **Alignment.** Each campus will receive funding proportionate to the size of its food-insecure student population, thus aligning new resources with the scale of the challenge faced by the campus.
- **Innovation.** The allocation provides an opportunity for campuses to pilot and identify best practices that could be shared University-wide.
- **Accountability.** Campuses will be asked to report on spending decisions and outcomes associated with these funds in early fall 2021.

AB 85 stipulates that the University shall report back to the Department of Finance and relevant committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2021 as to how these funds were distributed to the campuses, how they were used, and how many students applied for CalFresh as a result of the supported activities. UCOP staff will provide additional guidance to the campuses regarding the format and submittal of these reports. In the meantime, I encourage you to act expeditiously to develop an inclusive process, including participation of your local Basic Needs Committee, for determining how these funds may be best deployed at your campus.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Halimah, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate, Undergraduate, and Equity Affairs (Elizabeth.Halimah@ucop.edu), or David Alcocer, Associate Vice President for Budget Analysis and Planning (David.Alcocer@ucop.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Drake" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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President

Attachment

cc: Associate Vice Provost Halimah
Associate Vice President Alcocer

Attachment 1: Text from Assembly Bill 85

\$650,000 for campus efforts to increase student applications to the CalFresh program:

Of the funds appropriated in this item, \$650,000 is provided to support University of California campus efforts to increase student applications in the CalFresh program. Funds may be used to create outreach materials, host events, support equipment needs, and support application assistance, including hiring staff and student workers to assist students applying for CalFresh and understanding how to use their CalFresh benefits. The university shall report back to the Department of Finance and relevant committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2021, as to how funds were distributed to campuses, how funds were used, and how many students applied for CalFresh as a result of these activities.