

EDUCATION APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE

DP 78: Equipment and Program Development

2-Year Programs

Match Language

Adopted February 10, 2005

"Item 7b is a restricted, biennial, one-time-only appropriation that is to be distributed in two blocks as follows:

(1) \$1.4 million must be allocated equally (\$200,000 per unit) to the seven university units' 2-year degree programs to be used for either program development or equipment acquisition; and

(2) \$3.6 million must be distributed entirely by a competitive grant process administered by the office of the commissioner of higher education. These equipment grants must be available to both the seven university units' 2-year degree programs and the three community colleges (Dawson, Miles, and Flathead Valley)."

"The \$3.6 million general fund appropriation for equipment in item 7b must be matched from nonstate funds identified by the board of regents. The grant process for distributing these funds, administered by the office of the commissioner of higher education, must give scoring priority to grants that include matching funds. Matching funds may include federal funding revenue, private funding revenue, and other nonstate university funds. The funding match may include in-kind revenue only if that revenue is equipment itself, cost reductions offered for purchased equipment, or space to house equipment. The office of the commissioner of higher education shall certify to the office of budget and program planning that an allowable funding match has been committed from an eligible revenue source, as evidenced by a commitment letter from that funding source."