

Special Appropriations

The following question was asked during the Special Appropriations' budget work session. The response is presented below.

1. Is the Future Connect program still needed now that the state has initiated a scholarship program?

Answer

Currently the Future Connect program provides funding for a scholarship program with Portland Community College (PCC) to support up to 200 Multnomah County residents. The scholarship program provides tuition assistance and wrap-around student services designed to eliminate barriers to entering community college and obtaining a college degree or certificate or transferring to a 4-year college or university.

In light of the College Promise program initiated by the State, the Mayor's Office is negotiating with PCC regarding the need for the above the scholarship program in FY 2016-17 and beyond. CBO will report the outcome of the negotiation when information is available.