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**DATE:** June 2, 2017 AA 17-32

**VIA E-MAIL**

**TO:** Chief Executive Officers

Chief Instructional Officers

Chief Student Services Officers

Chief Business Officers

Academic Senate Presidents

**FROM:** LeBaron Woodyard, Ph.D.

Dean, Educational Programs and Professional Development

Academic Affairs Division

**SUBJECT**: **Request for Application (RFA) 17-085 for Zero Textbook Cost Degree –**

**Implementation Phase 2**

As a continuing effort to improve student access and success, the California Community College Chancellor’s Office is pleased to announce Phase 2 of the *Zero-Textbook-Cost Degree Grant program*. The Legislature intends for community college districts to develop and implement zero-textbook-cost degrees to reduce the overall cost of education for students and decrease the time it takes to complete degree programs. This program is consistent with existing legislative policy and fiscal investments in the development and implementation of Open Education Resources (OER) in California Higher Education, including the California Community Colleges System.

These are one-time grant funds to be distributed as follows:

* Enable community colleges receiving an award to implement associate degrees and/or career technical education certificate programs earned entirely by completing courses that eliminate conventional textbook costs by using alternative instructional materials and methodologies.
* Enable community college districts implement zero textbook cost degrees to reduce the overall cost of education for students and decrease the time it takes students to complete degree programs
* The performance period is January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.
* The maximum award amount of each implementation grant is limited to $150,000.

**Application Deadline: Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 5:00 PM, PST**

The logistical information for the online webinar to assist colleges with technical questions about this RFA is below.

**Title**: **Zero Textbook Cost Degree - Implementation Phase 2 RFA Technical Assistance**

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| Meeting Date:  **Thursday,** **June 22, 2017** | Is Your Computer Ready?  How to Connect with Your Mobile Device |
| Meeting Time:  **12:00 PM - 01:00 PM** | Dial your telephone conference line:  1-913-312-3202\*  Participant Passcode: **604491** |
| Meeting Type:  **Meet & Confer**  Meeting Passcode:  **604491** | \*Toll free number available:  1-888-886-3951  Participant Conference Feature  \*6 - Mute/unmute your line |
| Meeting Link: [**https://www.cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=85d3cffa-1a6e-493e-bcc3-105bf3d60225**](https://www.cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=85d3cffa-1a6e-493e-bcc3-105bf3d60225) | **FOR ASSISTANCE**  CCC Confer Client Services  Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  Phone: 1-760-744-1150   ext. 1537 or 1554  Email: [clientservices@cccconfer.org](mailto:clientservices@cccconfer.org) |

For additional information on the Zero Textbook Cost program, please visit our [Open Education Resources](http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/AcademicAffairs/OpenEducationResources.aspx) webpage.