

# MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (MHEC)

## 16.816 JOHN R. JUSTICE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Program Description: The John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program provides for the payment of eligible educational loans for Maryland State and Federal public defenders and prosecutors who agree to remain employed as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years. Eligible recipients must sign a three year service obligation to receive a payment under this program. Failure to fulfill the employment commitment requires repayment of the full amount received by the recipient to the U.S. Department of Justice. The Office of Student Financial Assistance of the Maryland Higher Education Commission administers the John R. Justice Program for the State of Maryland.

<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 137,409</b>	<b>\$ 64,100</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Maryland State and Federal public defenders and prosecutors

**Formula/Grant Description:** Under the auspices of the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2008, the Bureau of Justice Statistics provides a minimum base allocation for each state, territory, and the District of Columbia in the amount of \$50,000. The base amount is enhanced, funds permitting, by an amount proportional to that state's or territory's share of the national population.

**Governor's Strategic Goal:** [Recover 100% of Jobs Lost](#)

## 64.110 ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

**Program Description:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission serves as the State-approving agency for veteran's educational benefits. Under a Professional Services Contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Commission receives Federal administrative funds to ascertain the qualifications and grant approval of educational institutions and/or training establishments to furnish courses of education. The following types of programs may be approved by the Commission for education or training under the Montgomery GI Bill: (1) courses at colleges and universities leading to associate, bachelor or graduate degrees, and accredited independent study; (2) courses leading to a certificate or diploma from business, technical or vocational schools; (3) correspondence courses; (4) flight training, if veteran holds a private pilot license and meets the medical requirements upon beginning the training program; (5) State-approved teacher certification programs; (6) noncredit preparatory courses necessary for admission to a college; and (7) licensing and certification tests.

**Formula/Grant Description:** Under a Professional Services Contract, the Maryland Higher Education Commission is reimbursed for reasonable and necessary salary and travel expenses incurred in ascertaining the qualifications of educational institutions and/or training establishments to furnish courses of education.

<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 235,855</b>	<b>\$ 273,619</b>	<b>\$ 268,766</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Veterans statewide

**Governor's Strategic Goal:** [Increase Skills Training by 20%](#)

#### **84.069 LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP (LEAP)**

**Program Description:** This federal program is designed to supplement state financial aid programs serving low and moderate-income students. These funds are part of the State's Educational Excellence Assistance Program (EEA).

**Formula Description:** States receive an allotment of funds based upon the number of students eligible to participate in the program in relation to the total number of students in all States. The State is required to match the funding on a one-to-one basis. This federal program was defunded in FY 2012

<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 22,068</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Educational Excellence Assistance Low-Income Students Program statewide

**Governor's Strategic Goals:** [Recover 100% of Jobs Lost](#) and [Increase Skills Training by 20%](#)

#### **84.215 FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Program Description:** Funds are provided under a Congressional earmark to support the National Security STEM Initiative, a teacher professional development and student academic support program for public schools in the Cherry Hill community in Baltimore.

**Formula/Grant Description:** Congressionally Directed Grant

<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 1,288</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Program Supported/ Population Served:** Elementary and middle school teachers and K-12 students from public schools in the Cherry Hill community in Baltimore.

**Governor's Strategic Goal:** [Improve Student Achievement/Career Readiness by 25%](#)

### **84.367 IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY STATE GRANTS**

**Program Description:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission administers the higher education portion of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title II Part A funds. MHEC distributes funds through a competitive grant process to higher education institutions and high need local education agency partnerships to provide professional development activities in core academic subjects such that all Maryland students are taught by highly qualified teachers. Eligible professional development program participants include teachers, highly qualified paraprofessionals, and principals. The continuation of this program is dependent upon pending Congressional action for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Funding is expected to be discontinued.

**Formula/Grant Description:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission receives 2.5 percent of the State's total Title II allocation. An administrative allowance is set at \$53,888 annually.

<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14 (approp)</b>	<b>FY15 (est)</b>
<b>\$ 1,049,057</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,856</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,963</b>

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Professional development in core academic content areas for highly qualified paraprofessionals, teachers and principals from high need local education agencies.

**Governor's Strategic Goals:** [Recover 100% of Jobs lost](#) and [Improve Student Achievement/Career Readiness by 25%](#)

### **84.378A MARYLAND COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT**

**Program Description:** The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA), enacted on August 14, 2008 is the enabling legislation for this grant program. The Maryland Higher Education Commission partners with various non-profit organizations, higher education institutions and state agencies for initiatives that support both college access and success for low-income and underrepresented students. The matching requirement is one third of the total project costs. Effective FY 2012 the state CPIP grant program provides match.

**Grant/Formula Description:** States receive funds based on the relative number of people between the ages of 5 and 17 and between the ages of 15 and 44 who are living at or below the federal poverty line. States must apply annually and meet grant specified maintenance of effort funding for postsecondary education. Matching funds equal to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total project costs are required.

**FY13**  
**1,402,269**

**FY14 (approp)**  
**\$ 2,039,674**

**FY15 (est)\$**  
**\$ 1,772,209**

**Program Supported/Population Served:** College access and success for low-income and underrepresented student populations in postsecondary education.

**Governor's Strategic Goals:** [Recover 100% of Jobs Lost](#) and [Improve Student Achievement/Career Readiness in Maryland by 25%](#)

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