# Legislative Appropriations Request

For Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017

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by

Alamo Community College District

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## Alamo Community College District Legislative Appropriations Request

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## CERTIFICATE

## Agency Name Alamo Community College District

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriations Request filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy (GOBPP) is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the GOBPP will be notified in writing in accordance with Article IX, Section 7.01 (2014–15 GAA).

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Dr. Bruce H. Leslie	Diane E. Snyder, CPA
Printed Name	Printed Name
Chancellor	Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
Title , /	Title
7/31/14	8/4/2014
Date	Date /



#### Profile

The Alamo Community College District (Alamo Colleges) was established as a public community college through a public election in 1945. The District operates as a political subdivision under the laws of the State of Texas. A nine-member Board of Trustees, plus a non-voting Student Trustee, is the governing body of the District. The Trustees are elected locally to six-year terms by Bexar County voters; the Student Trustee is appointed by the Board and serves a single-year term. The Board of Trustees and their current terms of office are:

The Chancellor, the District's chief executive officer, guides and implements the programs and policies of the Alamo Colleges.

The Alamo Colleges is one of the largest community college systems in Texas. It includes two colleges designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions, includes the nation's only institution that is designated both a Historically Black College and a Hispanic-Serving Institution. It is the nation's third largest producer of Hispanic nurses and Texas' largest provider of online post-secondary education. A vibrant international program brings Central American teachers to San Antonio for advanced education while affording students and faculty the opportunity to travel to all regions of the world.

The Alamo Colleges, as a comprehensive two-year system, is dedicated to providing quality education and workforce training to the people of Bexar and surrounding counties. The five colleges - San Antonio, St. Philip's, Palo Alto, Northeast Lakeview, and Northwest Vista – provide Early College High School programs, university transfer programs, workforce education, technical programs, developmental courses, adult literacy courses, continuing education, and community services.

Students are taught by highly qualified faculty, predominantly with Master's and Doctorate degrees, committed to creating a learning-centered environment. Student services include counseling, computer labs, tutoring, financial services, services for the disabled, developmental instruction, veteran's services, and job placement.

#### Planning for the Future

The Board approves a strategic plan in three-year cycles. The strategic plan is reviewed and reaffirmed every year and involves all levels of the organization. The vision, mission, values and goals of Alamo Colleges guide the overall strategic decisions in the plan... Key performance indicators based on state and national peer institutions and annual performance targets are defined. An integrated planning model is used to strengthen the connection between the strategic plan, related action plans and the operating budget, which is approved annually by the Board of Trustees.

In July 2011, the Alamo Colleges adopted an educational philosophy referred to as the "Alamo Way". Characterizing our culture of "Always Inspire, Always Improve", this philosophy is based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, the principles of Achieving the Dream and the Principle-Center Leadership concepts from the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People (AlamoLEADS). This framework is organized around the three dynamic models of student success, leadership and performance excellence. The Alamo Way provides structure to advance and align goals, strategic plans, policies, budgets and administrative actions across the Alamo Colleges.

#### Student Success Initiatives

The success of the Alamo Colleges is measured by the success of its students. The Board of Trustees, through policy, establishes measures to define what student success is at the Alamo Colleges. The Strategic Plan outlines the goals and action plans to be put in place in an effort to achieve this student-centric agenda and is organized around the three goals of the Alamo Way: 1) Student Success: provide academic and student support and align labor market-based pathways with a focus on Achieving the Dream to achieve student completion; 2) Leadership: provide opportunities for Alamo Colleges students and employees to develop as principle-centered leaders; and 3) Performance Excellence: continuously improve our employee, financial, technological, physical and other capacities with focus on effectiveness, efficiency, and agility. Embedded within these priorities are specific initiatives focusing on student advising, orientation, early alert systems, peer mentoring, restructured academic pathways, curriculum alignment, student learning outcomes, and reengineering of developmental education. These are based on research-based strategies, proven to improve student success.

Traditionally the measure of achievement for community colleges has been the number of students enrolled. While student access remains important, of greater and more challenging importance is the performance and progression of those students who have decided to continue their educational journey with the Alamo Colleges. Alamo Colleges' strategies and the related initiatives outlined below are redirecting efforts from simply adding new students, to focusing on student outcomes:

- 1. Students should be prepared for college and ready to learn the first day of class.
  - AlamoPREP: courses and support to assist students to gain based skills required to enroll in AlamoREADY courses.
  - AlamoREADY: courses and support to assist students to gain college-level basic skills to enroll in specific college level courses
  - MyMAP: A personalized tool to help new students transition to college and monitor their progress until they earn a certificate or degree.

- Enrollment Management Period: enrollment is stopped a week before classes begin. Alamo Colleges acknowledges that this will result in potential decline in enrollment, but does so in order that students can get the instructional materials needed and are ready and focused to begin learning on day one.
- 2. Students should have a plan or goal to get a job by completing college work sufficient to get a degree, transfer or job skill (certificate programs).
  - MyMAP: Helps a student monitor their progress toward their goal.
  - Career Coach: Web-based tool that links the local job market to Alamo Colleges programs.
  - MyAlamoCareer.org: Joint venture between the Alamo Colleges and Workforce Solutions Alamo, which offers high quality career and education planning through its website and mobile app.
  - New advising model, using a combination of additional advisors and faculty to assist students through the college work at Alamo Colleges.
- 3. Alamo Colleges graduates (whether academic or workforce) should be leaders in their personal, professional and community lives.
  - AlamoLEADS (Leaders Emerging and Developing Students): principle-centered leadership concepts from the Seven Habits of Highly
    Effective People deployed to both employees and students. These concepts will be infused into the curriculum and practiced throughout
    the student's Alamo life. Alamo Colleges students will emerge with not only the technical skills and knowledge for their chosen path, but
    as proactive and productive leaders.

#### Importance of Sufficient State Funding

Tuition and state appropriations provide funding for teaching, general and administrative functions, while property taxes provide the facilities. State appropriations continue to be crucial in providing affordable, quality education to all students. In five short years, state funding declined from 33% to 25% of Alamo Colleges total operating revenues. Alamo Colleges has done its job by achieving cost efficiencies of \$224 million cumulatively since 2008. Alamo Colleges cannot continue to cut this deeply without marked consequences to student success and quality educational service to students and the communities we serve.

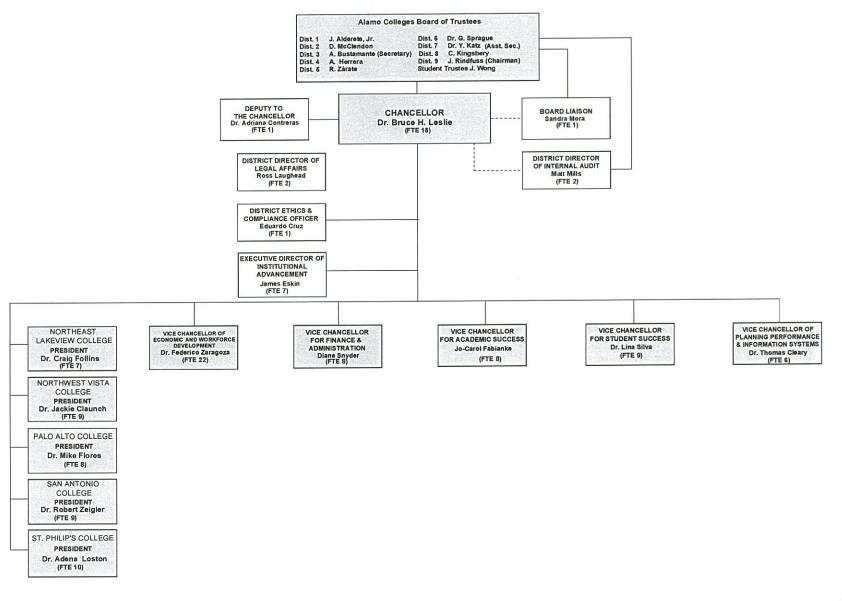
There are many paths to student success: some students want to earn a degree or certificate and then get a job. For others, success is defined as transferring to and graduating from a four-year college. For some, success is acquiring a set of skills needed in the workforce to get a job, to get ahead in their current job, or perhaps even change careers. Regardless of the path, Alamo Colleges wants to reshape its students' futures by allowing them the means to meet their education objectives. The student success initiatives described above require staff resources to provide skilled instruction and "high-touch" interactions with students to ensure retention and achievement of their educational goals.

Community colleges in Texas need sufficient state appropriations to provide Texans with affordable education and workforce training opportunities, which will in turn lead to economic prosperity. It is imperative the legislature consider the effect of the continued fiscal cuts to the Texas community colleges and, by extension, all Texans. The Texas Legislature will continue to negatively impact community college services if

it does not provide sufficient funding to keep tuition affordable to students. In the long term, without the State's <u>full</u> support, Texas community colleges will be forced to adjust the level of services to students and/or significantly raise tuition to students.

For the reasons outlined above, Alamo Colleges endorses the \$2.011 billion funding request for public community/junior community colleges for the 2016-2017 biennium and recommends, as the Texas Association of Community College's July 16, 2014 outlines, that funding for community colleges be appropriated through three strategies: Core Operations, Student Success Points and Contact Hour funding. This state funding level provides adequate funding to cover inflation (9% since 2008) and relieve increases in institutional reliance upon Tuition and Fees which have increased 29 percent during the same period. Additionally, the Texas Legislature should continue appropriations for the State's share of health and retirement benefit costs for eligible employees.

## **Alamo Colleges Organizational Chart**





#### 2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

84th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1

Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

#### 977 Alamo Community College

Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
1 Provide Instruction					
1 Provide Administration and Instructional Services					
1 ACADEMIC EDUCATION (1)	47,867,328	0	0	0	0
2 VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION (1)	15,368,513	0	0	0	0
3 CORE OPERATIONS	0	500,000	500,000	0	0
4 SUCCESS POINTS	0	6,814,491	6,814,491	0	0
5 CONTACT HOUR FUNDING	0	56,125,968	56,125,968	0	0
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0

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<sup>(1) -</sup> Formula funded strategies are not requested in 2016-17 because amounts are not determined by institutions.

#### 2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	63,235,841	63,440,459	63,440,459	0	0
SUBTOTAL	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0

<sup>\*</sup>Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

## 2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

84th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 977	Agency name: Alamo Com	munity College			
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
GENERAL REVENUE					
1 General Revenue Fund					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (	2014-15 GAA) \$0	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (	2012-13 GAA) \$63,235,841	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTAL, General Revenue Fund	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
OTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
RAND TOTAL	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
OTAL, ADJUSTED FTES					·

#### 2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code:

977

Agency name:

Alamo Community College

METHOD OF FINANCING

Exp 2013

Est 2014

**Bud 2015** 

Req 2016

Req 2017

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

## 2.C. Summary of Base Request by Object of Expense

84th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
1005 FACULTY SALARIES	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
OOE Total (Riders) Grand Total	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0



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	977 Alamo Community College							
GOAL: 1 OBJECTIVE: 1	Provide Instruction Provide Administration and Instructional Services			Statewide Goal/B Service Categorie		0		
STRATEGY: 1	Academic Education			Service: 19	Income: A.2	Age: B.3		
CODE DESC	RIPTION	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	(1) BL 2017		
Objects of Expense:  1005 FACULTY SALARIES TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$47,867,328 \$47,867,328	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 <b>\$0</b>		
Method of Financing:  1 General Revo	enue Fund ENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$47,867,328 \$47,867,328	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$0 \$0		
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$0	\$0		
TOTAL, METHOD OI	F FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS) LENT POSITIONS:	\$47,867,328	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

#### EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

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#### 977 Alamo Community College

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 2 0 GOAL: 1 Provide Instruction 1 Provide Administration and Instructional Services Service Categories: OBJECTIVE: Service: 19 Income: A.2 Age: B.3 STRATEGY: 2 Vocational/Technical Education (1) (1) Est 2014 Bud 2015 BL 2016 BL 2017 DESCRIPTION Exp 2013 CODE Objects of Expense: \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$15,368,513 1005 FACULTY SALARIES \$0 \$15,368,513 \$0 \$0 \$0 TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE Method of Financing: \$0 \$0 \$15,368,513 \$0 \$0 1 General Revenue Fund \$0 \$0 \$0 \$15,368,513 \$0 SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS) \$0 \$0 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS) \$15,368,513

**FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:** 

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

#### EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

(1) - Formula funded strategies are not requested in 2016-17 because amounts are not determined by institutions.

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977 Alamo Community College

GOAL:

1 Provide Instruction

Statewide Goal/Benchmark:

2 0

**OBJECTIVE:** 

1 Provide Administration and Instructional Services

Service Categories:

naama: A 2

Age B 3

STRATEGY	: 3 Core Operations			Service: 19	Income: A.2	Age: B.3
CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
Objects of E	xpense:					
1005 FA	ACULTY SALARIES	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, OF	BJECT OF EXPENSE	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Method of F	inancing:					
1 G	eneral Revenue Fund	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL	, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, ME	THOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$0	\$0
TOTAL, ME	THOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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GOAL:	1	Provide Instruction			Statewide Goal/I	Benchmark: 2	0
OBJECTIVE:	1	Provide Administration and Instructional Services			Service Categori	es:	
STRATEGY:	4	Success Points			Service: 19	Income: A.2	Age: B.3
CODE	DESC	RIPTION	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
Objects of Expe	nse:						
1005 FAC	ULTY	SALARIES	\$0	\$6,814,491	\$6,814,491	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, OBJE	CT OF	EXPENSE	\$0	\$6,814,491	\$6,814,491	\$0	\$0
Method of Fina	ncing:						
1 Gene	ral Rev	enue Fund	\$0	\$6,814,491	\$6,814,491	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL, M	IOF (G	ENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$0	\$6,814,491	\$6,814,491	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, METH	IOD O	F FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$0	\$0
TOTAL, METH	IOD O	F FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$0	\$6,814,491	\$6,814,491	\$0	\$0

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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977 Alamo Community College							
GOAL: 1 Provide Instruction  OBJECTIVE: 1 Provide Administration and Instruction	al Services		Statewide Goal/I Service Categori		2 0		
STRATEGY: 5 Contact Hour Funding			Service: 19	Income: A.2	Age: B.3		
CODE DESCRIPTION	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017		
Objects of Expense:  1005 FACULTY SALARIES  TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$0 \$0	\$56,125,968 \$56,125,968	\$56,125,968 \$56,125,968	\$0 \$0	\$0 <b>\$0</b>		
Method of Financing:  1 General Revenue Fund SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$56,125,968 \$56,125,968	\$56,125,968 \$56,125,968	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0		
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$0	\$0		
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)  FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:  STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:	\$0	\$56,125,968	\$56,125,968	\$0	\$0		

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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#### SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$0	\$0
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$63,235,841	\$63,440,459	\$63,440,459	\$0	\$0
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:					

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## Schedule 3C: Group Insurance Data Elements (Community Colleges)

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	Total I & A Enrollment	Local Non I & A	Total Enrollment
FULL TIME ACTIVES			
1a Employee Only	1,145	141	1,286
2a Employee and Children	342	31	373
3a Employee and Spouse	178	17	195
4a Employee and Family	222	12	234
5a Eligible, Opt Out	44	2	46
6a Eligible, Not Enrolled	90	0	90
Total for this Section	2,021	203	2,224
PART TIME ACTIVES			
1b Employee Only	1	0	1
2b Employee and Children	1	0	1
3b Employee and Spouse	0	0	0
4b Employee and Family	0	0	0
5b Eligble, Opt Out	2	0	2
6b Eligible, Not Enrolled	2	1	3
Total for this Section	6	1	7
Total Active Enrollment	2.027	204	2.231

## Schedule 3C: Group Insurance Data Elements (Community Colleges)

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	Total I & A	Local Non I & A	Total Enrollment	
	Enrollment		Enronment	_
FULL TIME RETIREES by ERS				
1c Employee Only	639	32	671	
2c Employee and Children	14	3	17	
3c Employee and Spouse	165	4	169	
4c Employee and Family	9	2	11	
5c Eligble, Opt Out	0	0	0	
6c Eligible, Not Enrolled	0	0	0	
Total for this Section	827	41	868	
PART TIME RETIREES by ERS				
1d Employee Only	0	0	0	
2d Employee and Children	0	0	0	
3d Employee and Spouse	0	0	0	
4d Employee and Family	0	0	0	
5d Eligble, Opt Out	0	0	0	
6d Eligible, Not Enrolled	0	0	0	
Total for this Section	0	0	0	
Total Retirees Enrollment	827	41	868	
TOTAL FULL TIME ENROLLMENT				
1e Employee Only	1,784	173	1,957	
2e Employee and Children	356	34	390	
3e Employee and Spouse	343	21	364	
4e Employee and Family	231	14	245	
5e Eligble, Opt Out	44	2	46	
6e Eligible, Not Enrolled	90	0	90	
Total for this Section	2,848	244	3,092	
otal for this Section	2,848	244	3,092	

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## Schedule 3C: Group Insurance Data Elements (Community Colleges)

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	Total I & A Enrollment	Local Non I & A	Total Enrollment
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			
1f Employee Only	1,785	173	1,958
2f Employee and Children	357	34	391
3f Employee and Spouse	343	21	364
4f Employee and Family	231	14	245
5f Eligble, Opt Out	46	2	48
6f Eligible, Not Enrolled	92	1	93
Total for this Section	2,854	245	3,099

