

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
DISTRICTWIDE RESOURCE BUDGET ALLOCATION MODEL  
GENERAL FUND – UNRESTRICTED BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2010-11

**Background**

Effective in fiscal year 2003-04, the District set aside the then-existing budget allocation model, which had been used to distribute district resources for the prior

Although today we have a method to distribute funds, we do not have an agreed-upon budget allocation model. Distributing from the state, the uniqueness of our colleges, nor the priorities of the district. In addition, the lack of an agreed-upon allocation model has been cited in the accreditation reports and will be a major issue if not resolved soon.

For the past several months the District Council on Administrative Services (DCAS) and the Cabinet have been working simultaneously toward identifying the features of a model that would reflect the unique characteristics of each college, while recognizing how we are funded by the state, and be perceived as more equitable than the current arrangement.



## **Districtwide Support**

The district recognizes that it is fiscally prudent to provide some services centrally through the operation of a district office (District Administrative Center – DAC). These services should primarily represent those functions that can be most effectively and efficiently administered in a centralized fashion.

The allocation model will continue to provide a pool of resources to support

Students'

**District Administrative Center (DAC)**

The District Administrative Center will receive a percentage (initially 5.8%) of projected revenue. If, after review, it is determined that specific budget items are reassigned between DWS and DAC, the percentage of revenue will change accordingly, maintaining the same effective rate.

As part of the FY07 Tentative Budget, costs were redirected and the DAC's proportionate percentage was increased to 6.4% as a part of the implementation of the Model.

The college president will then meet with the chancellor and the chancellor will set the goal.

### **Base Allocation (Fixed Allocation)**

Each college will receive an equal dollar amount that recognizes the fixed expenses/core services associated with operating a college regardless of the size of its enrollment.

This base allocation is established at 15% of revenue available for distribution, divided equally among the colleges. This will result in an increasing base allocation as revenue increases.

### **FTES Allocation**

The remainder of the available revenue is allocated to the colleges proportionate to their FTES (%) actually earned in the prior year, and recognizes how the District receives the bulk of its revenue through SB361.

Colleges will be funded proportionate to their FTES (%) for their actual growth up to the maximum percentage that the District was funded. Each college may then carry unfunded FTES (as does the District as a whole), and be entitled to use that excess if and when the District does. By using a blended average in the productivity factor as recommended above, colleges are not penalized for "overgrowth" if attained through efficiencies, i.e. less costs.

### **Transition/Implementation Funding**

As implementation of the new allocation model may shift resources, the district recognizes the need to provide for stability during the transition for colleges to gradually move towards full implementation of a model.

During the implementation year, FY08, \$2 million of total revenue will be allocated 50% each to Oxnard and Ventura colleges. In FY09, \$1 million of available resources will be allocated 50% each to Oxnard and Ventura colleges. Once applied, the amount of transition/implementation funding will then be assessed to ensure the colleges are able to transition without undue financial hardship.

## **Carry-over**

In addition to the allocation derived through the mechanism of the model, the colleges and district office will be allowed to carry-over any unexpended funds as of June 30 into the new budget year, up to a