

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation

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DISCUSSION ITEM A

Tennessee Student Assistance Award Update

Staff Recommendation

For discussion only

Background

Total available funding for TSAA in academic year 2017-18, was \$98.8 million. Expenditures at June 30, 2018, were \$104.6 million, leaving approximately \$1.9 million in the TSAA reserve.

TSAC has worked with THEC's policy and strategy division to estimate future student participation in TSAA based on student-level data from the FAFSA.

This analysis resulted in awarding applicants for the 2018-19 academic year through May 31. THEC estimates that this will produce an expenditure between \$89.2 and \$92.3 million, or \$8 to \$11 million below the appropriated \$100.6 million. Any amount unexpended would then be added to the TSAA reserve at June 30, 2019, resulting in a reserve balance between \$10 and \$13 million.

Additionally, staff proposes a special called meeting of the board in January 2019, to set awarding levels for the 2019-20 academic year. This will allow TSAC and THEC to include statistics from the fall 2018 semester to further refine 2019-20 expenditure projections.

Supporting Document

Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program History, August 17, 2018.