

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Item Name: Arizona Teachers Academy GEER Grant Funding

Action Item

Requested Action: The board office asks the board to approve the allocation of scholarships funded by the \$6 million in grant funds for the Arizona Teachers Academy contingent on finalization of the agreement with the Governor’s Office and direct Executive Director John Arnold to finalize the Interagency Services Agreement with the Governor’s Office.

Background/History of Previous Board Action

- At the June Board meeting, the board approved the budget for \$15 million in State General Fund for FY 2021.

Discussion

- The Governor’s Office will be providing \$6 million in Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) grant funding for the Arizona Teachers Academy.
- In conjunction with the grant, ABOR staff will review the ATA policy and university practices regarding opportunities for non-education majors to enter the academy.
- The board office recommends the allocation of scholarships as follows based on the preliminary enrollment and waitlist counts:

	Scholarship Slots	GEER Funds Budget
Undergraduate Scholarship*		
ASU	534	\$2,670,000
NAU	71	\$355,000
UA	48	\$240,000
Pima CC	105	\$315,000
Graduate Scholarship		
ASU	158	\$1,580,000
NAU	67	\$670,000
UA	17	\$170,000
TOTAL		\$6,000,000

*Maricopa Community College reported no waitlist numbers.

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Statutory/Policy Requirements

ABOR Policy 2-325