

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-E

Consideration and possible action to approve amending the service contract pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2155, with MDRC by extending the contract from June 30, 2022, to April 30, 2023, and adding additional funds to extend and enhance MDRC's ongoing randomized-controlled trial evaluation of the Texas Transfer Grants Pilot Program

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Total Project Cost: Up to \$940,000

Source of Funds: Federal funds allocated through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

Background Information:

At the July 2021 board meeting, the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) delegated authority to Commissioner Harrison Keller to approve contracts under \$1 million that are funded with federal GEER grants. In December 2021, Commissioner Keller approved entering into a contract with MDRC to assist with the implementation of the GEER-funded Texas Transfer Grants Pilot Program and the evaluation of the program through a randomized-controlled trial.

THECB staff recommend extending the existing contract from the current end date of April 30, 2023, to April 30, 2024, and amending the amount by \$385,000 to allow additional evaluation for a second round of transfer grants to be offered in the spring 2023 semester. This extension and amendment align with the October 2023 deadline for expenditure of the GEER funds allocated to this effort.

Dr. Charles Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, will be available to answer questions.