

Abstract

Big Bend Community College (BBCC) in Moses Lake, Washington proposes the BBCC HEP project with five objectives/outcomes:

1. Serve at least 60 HEP students per project year for five years.
2. At least 69% of HEP participants exiting the program will receive a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma.
3. At least 80% of HEP participants who receive an HSE, will enter postsecondary education or training programs, upgrade their employment, or enter the military.
4. At least 80% of HEP students co-enroll in a college level class.
5. At least 90% of HEP participants with documented barriers (social, emotional, mental health, academic, etc.) will receive barrier-specific referrals for services.

BBCC HEP will achieve the project objectives/outcomes by implementing project activities in the form of six sets of services delivered to project participants.

1. Identify, recruit, and enroll eligible participants who need project services.
2. Assist participants through the BBCC and BEdA intake process.
3. Provide comprehensive academic and career advising.
4. Provide academic supports including academic success coaching.
5. Provide ongoing college navigation services including peer mentoring.
6. Engage participants in enrichment experiences.

The BBCC HEP project addresses the invitational priority of meeting student social, emotional, and academic needs. Key elements of implementing the priority include hiring bilingual staff, comprehensive advising, college navigation services, peer mentoring, academic success coaches, work-based learning opportunities, and referrals to partner organizations that serve migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families.

BBCC HEP is a commuter project that will serve 60 students annually with a cost per student of \$7,917, which is below the efficiency target of \$10,438 for a HEP commuter project.

BBCC HEP will be based at the BBCC campus in Moses Lake. However, staff will travel throughout the target area of Grant and Adams Counties in central Washington to recruit and serve project participants. Project staff will serve participants using a variety of technologies and modalities including in-person, virtual, online, telephone, live chat, and text messaging.

The BBCC HEP project has set targets to meet or exceed the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) targets each year.

GPRA Measure 1: The percentage of HEP participants exiting the program having received a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma. BBCC HEP will meet or exceed the target of 69%.

GPRA Measure 2: The percentage of HSE diploma recipients who enter postsecondary education or training programs, upgraded employment, or the military. BBCC HEP will meet or exceed the target of 80%.