

**Council on Postsecondary Education
September 10, 2009**

Regional Stewardship Grant Funds

ACTION: The staff recommends that the Council approve regional stewardship funding allocations to Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, and Western Kentucky University in the amount of \$288,000 each to support regional stewardship grants.

House Bill 380 of the 2006 General Assembly authorized funding for the Regional Stewardship Program. The Council on Postsecondary Education approved the guidelines governing the distribution and application of these funds at its July 2006 meeting.

Infrastructure funds support the development and maintenance of organizational structures, personnel, information systems, and community relationships necessary to sustain stewardship activities. Regional grant funds support comprehensive university efforts to build intellectual capacity in targeted priority areas. Infrastructure funds of \$200,000 per institution have been rolled into the base funding of each comprehensive university, and regional grant funds for NKU have already been rolled into the institution's base funding.

At the May 23, 2008, meeting, the Council approved FY 2008-09 regional grant funding of \$288,000 to ECU, KSU, MoSU, MuSU, and WKU conditional upon successful implementation of their infrastructure plans and adequate progress on their regional grant proposals. All institutions at this time have submitted progress reports on their regional grant programs and are eligible to receive their FY 2009-10 regional grant funding.

Upon approval, the Council will disburse to each of the universities noted above up to \$288,000 in regional grant funding. These funds will be disbursed quarterly upon receipt of invoices, subject to availability of funding.