**Questions and Answers on**

**Joint RFP 2022-FAAS (Financial Aid Access & Support)**

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**Q:** The United Way CEO asked me about the RFP and legislation surrounding it.  Essentially, the Center for Strong Families couples financial coaching and employment coaching together.  I found K-12 (SB 5720) regarding financial literacy.  Could you tell what legislation governs colleges and universities?  Thank you

**A:** The legislation that governs Washington’s Community and Technical Colleges is located in the following state regulations:

Title 131 WAC

Chapter 28b.50 RCW

The 2022 Legislature provided funding in the Supplemental Operating Budget (ESSB 5693) for Washington’s Community and Technical Colleges to contract with community-based organizations to assist with financial aid access and support.  The entire language related to this funding is provided below.

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5693

Sec. 602.41 (p.690, line 25)

(41) $2,720,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 is provided solely for each community and technical college to contract with a community-based organization to assist with financial aid access and support in communities.

RFP 2022-FAAS provides the guidelines used by Pierce County’s College Consortium will use to select one or more organizations to lead this work in our region.