**Section 1090.60 Review and Evaluation of Application**

Grant awards shall be determined using a competitive process after reviewing the applications for compliance and evaluating the applicant proposals.

a) Board staff shall review the application for compliance that shall include but is not limited to the following:

1) Definitions in Section 1090.20;

2) Eligibility in Section 1090.30;

3) Application in Section 1090.40; and

4) Use of grant funds in Section 1090.50.

b) Board staff shall evaluate the grant proposals using criteria that include but are not limited to the following:

1) Evidence that the partnering institutions can or have delivered programs in an effective manner, i.e., the annual number of students enrolled and completions by field;

2) Evidence that the academic program will meet a regional or State need for a workforce with the training or skills provided;

3) Evidence of an innovative approach or method that is supported by current research and best practices;

4) An agreed upon pathway for students to articulate courses offered by the community college to the 4-year degree program;

5) Evidence of the best use of existing resources in the investments defined in Section 1090.20; and

6) Effective use of grant funds.

c) The Board staff may request additional documentation and/or a meeting with the institutional representatives to resolve questions about the application. In the event that material submitted by an applicant institution is incomplete or not of sufficient detail to provide an understanding of the proposed program, the Board staff will request additional information.

d) After the evaluation is complete, the Board shall provide written notification to an applicant indicating whether the application is in compliance.