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The government said that the grant will be used in helping college students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to succeed in higher education.

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"We were fortunate to be able to provide additional assistance to colleges and universities to help give students the extra push they may need to graduate from college," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan in a [press release](#).

Sec. Duncan added that these will help provide critical help to students in college and encourage that to



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Baron also said that under the grants are projects like academic tutoring, assistance in course selection, information about financial aid and economic literacy, and support and resources. Moreover, the grant also includes helping students transfer from two- to four-year colleges or from undergraduate to graduate or professional studies.

Aside from the said projects, the institution may also offer:

individualized counseling and career guidance, exposure to cultural events, mentoring, and housing assistance during school breaks for those who are homeless or in foster care.

The additional fund is one of the seven (7) Federal TRIO Programs that aims to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds, low income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities, foster care youth or homeless children and youth succeed from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

Some of the schools who were granted additional funding are: Bevill State Community College/Hamilton-STEM, University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana, Mesa Community College, Arizona State University, Pima County Community College/Desert Vista Campus-STEM, University of Arizona-STEM, Azusa Pacific University, California State University/Dominguez Hills-Veterans, Redwoods Community College District/Eureka, Solano Community College/Fairfield-STEM, California State University/Fresno-Disabled, and Gavilan Joint Community College District.

It could be remembered that the Department announced the initial round of Student Support Services

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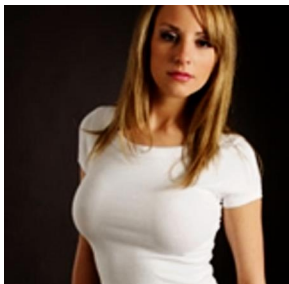
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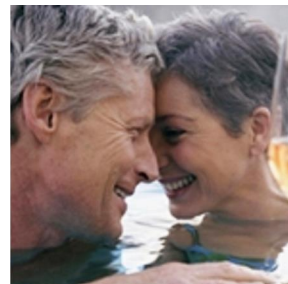
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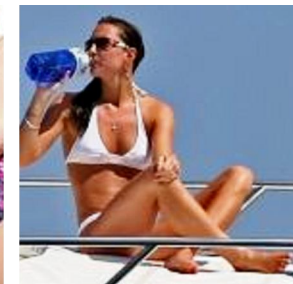
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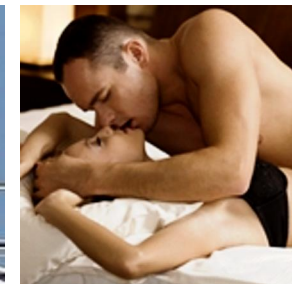
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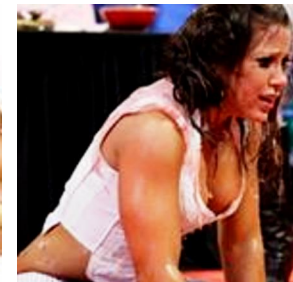
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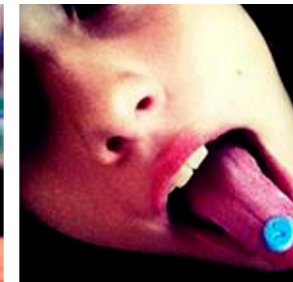
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