**Section 1015.40 Selection of Projects for Grants**

a) Grants shall be made for projects that support Illinois resident undergraduate students. In addition, the Board shall consider whether the projects:

1) *expand opportunities for students to pursue internships, clinical placement, cooperative programs with business and industry, and other work opportunities linked to a student's academic program;*

2) *strengthen cooperation between higher education, business, industry, and government;*

3) *promote school/college partnerships;*

4) *encourage social and community service;*

5) *maximize the use of matching contributions from business and industry, governmental and social agencies, and participating colleges and universities to support student wages;*

6) *create new opportunities for partnerships between the public and private sectors;*

7) *integrate other components of student financial aid to reduce reliance on student loans;*

8) *support work experiences for students in academic programs of engineering, science, math, and education;*

9) *encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.* (Section 3 of the Act)

b) In addition, projects shall:

1) *not serve a sectarian purpose;* (Section 3 of the Act)

2) not include partisan political activity;

3) either be new initiatives or projects that supplement, but not supplant, existing initiatives; and

4) comply with applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to, equal employment opportunity, minimum wage, and occupational health and safety.