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GATEWAY TO IMPERIAL COUNTY

IVC receives $600,000 grant from the federal government

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Imperial Valley College is set to get a boost of funds to help first-generation college-goers, low-income students and those who need help pursuing higher education.

Rep. Bob Filner, D-San Diego, announced Tuesday that the Imperial Community College District has been selected to receive a five-year Upward Bound grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The first year's grant award of $605,340 was also announced, according to the press release from Filner's office.

"This grant will open doors for students who would normally be left behind by our education system," Filner said in the press release. "We must make sure all of our students have the opportunity to succeed."

The five-year grant comes under the Department of Education's Upward Bound program which seeks to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. Upward Bound participants must be potential first-generation college students, low-income individuals, or individuals who have a high need for academic support in order to successfully pursue a program of education beyond high school.