AB 798 FAQs

1. **What s an OER?**

   "Open educational resources" are high-quality teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license, such as a Creative Commons license, that permits their free use and repurposing by others, and may include other resources that are legally available and free of cost to students.

2. **What are some examples?**

   Examples include, but are not limited to, full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, faculty-created content, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.

3. **Who endorses OERs?**

   Academic Senate for CCC, Student Senate for CCC, TechNet, CCCCO, CSSA, CSU, CCLC, Cerritos Community College District, OpenStax.

4. **Where is the money coming from?**

   The Open Educational Resources Adoption Incentive Program, as established through the adoption of AB 798.

5. **How much money will be available?**

   Each school may apply for up to $50,000.

6. **What does the college have to do?**

   In order to participate in the Incentive program, the local academic senate of a campus of the California Community Colleges shall do both of the following:

   a. Adopt a local campus resolution to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students in course sections for which open educational resources are to be adopted to accomplish cost savings for students.

   b. Approve a plan, in collaboration with students and campus administration, that describes evidence of the faculty's commitment and readiness to effectively use grant funds to support faculty adoption of open educational resources.

7. **What criteria does the plan have to meet?**

   The plan shall identify:

   a. how faculty will learn about the CA OPen Online Library for Ed & other OERs

   b. the number of academic depts. expected to be involved in the plan's implementation, number of course sections, the percentage of cost savings for students (see Section F) anticipated on account of the adoption of open educational resources for each of these course sections, the ways existing faculty development programs will be enhanced by the plan's implementation, and the mechanisms that will be used to distribute adopted open educational resources to students.

   c. appropriate resources for any of the 50 strategically selected lower division courses identified by the California Open Education Resources Council

d. how the campus will provide access to OER materials for students, including how the campus will make hard copies of these materials available for students who lack access to these materials off campus and make it possible for students with such access to print hard copies.

e. The plan will identify the amount of the grant requested. The amount of the grant requested shall be equal to, or less than, the number of course sections in which both open educational resources will be adopted and cost savings for the course section will be greater than 30 percent, multiplied by one thousand dollars ($1,000). The amount requested shall not be greater than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000). A plan shall commit to achieving greater than 30 percent cost savings in at least 10 course sections.

f. The plan shall include the percentage of cost savings for each course section calculated as follows:

-The percentage of cost savings shall be the estimated decrease in the costs of books and supplies for a course section in the current term resulting from the adoption of open educational resources for that course section, divided by the costs of books and supplies for that course section in the immediately preceding academic term.

-The California Open Education Resources Council may provide expertise on available open educational resources and best practices for the adoption of open educational resources for existing courses to assist in the development of the plan.

8. **When does the plan have to be submitted?**
No later than June 30, 2016.

9. **Who does the plan get sent to?**
The California Open Educational Resources Council reviews and approves the plan.