

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

2008-2009 Professional Development Activities Grants
(State Leadership Activities)

Request:

The State Board is asked to approve funding in the amount of \$197,500 for the 11 Professional Development Activities grants listed below for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. These grants enable colleges to provide quality professional development activities that develop, improve, or expand the use of technology in vocational education; and provide training in effective teaching techniques and skills in order to improve the academic and vocational skills of students and can be easily replicated.

Colleges to be Funded	Amount of Award
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	25,000
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	25,000
Cape Fear Community College	28,000
Cleveland Community College	18,000
Davidson County Community College	7,500
Forsyth Technical Community College	17,000
Johnston Community College	20,000
South Piedmont Community College	16,000
South Piedmont Community College	6,000
Surry Community College	6,500
Wake Technical Community College	28,500
Total = 11 Projects	197,500

Fund Source:

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, Title I, Section 124, State Leadership Activities is the source of funding. The allocation is subject to the availability of funds.

Method of Allocation:

Requests for proposals were sent to all college presidents, chief academic officers, advancement officers, and Perkins contacts. Sixteen proposals were received from 14 colleges. The proposals were read and evaluated by a team of five professionals. Four were external readers who have extensive Perkins funding experience and one was a System Office employee. Each proposal was evaluated on an individual basis. After the initial reviews, each proposal was discussed by the group and a consensus score was reached. Proposals were ranked by score, from high to low, and were recommended for funding until available funds were exhausted.

The proposals, which were not recommended for funding did not meet Perkins criteria as outlined in the request for proposals or failed to demonstrate an understanding of the purposes of the uses of these leadership funds. Common problems with these proposals were failure to focus on vocational education faculty, unreasonable and unsubstantiated requests to send large

numbers of staff to expensive conferences with no benefit to the entire college or the State, and unallowable activities. Additionally, several proposals requested funds for projects that would benefit only the applicant college.

Colleges that applied but are not recommended for funding are listed as follows: Brunswick Community College, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Haywood Community College, Stanly Community College, and Surry Community College (Please note that Surry Community College submitted two proposals, of which one was approved).

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