

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES****Student Success Activity Grants for Basic Skills Programs****Request**

The State Board is asked to approve 7 incentive grants for \$25,000.00 to Basic Skills programs for the period November 21, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The Student Success Activity Grants recommended for funding are listed on the attached.

**Fund Source**

Federal funds are provided for incentive grants from the United States Department of Education through the Workforce Investment Act, Title II. States receiving federal funds may provide for funding to basic skills/literacy programs in the state for special projects and statewide initiatives.

**Purpose for Funding**

The purpose of this grant(s) is to provide opportunities for Basic Skills programs to support new and innovative marketing, recruitment/retention or training initiatives. Funding is to be awarded from \$500 to \$15,000 for special initiatives of activities, which demonstrate best practices, program models, visible results, or significant results that are not a part of regular program activities. Activities should be completed by June 30, 2009.

**Method of Allocation**

On August 21, 2008, a request for proposals was forwarded to all Basic Skills education programs to be returned by October 1, 2008. The System Office received forty-six proposals requesting \$335,000. A committee of five, consisting of representatives of the system office and directors of local Basic Skills programs reviewed and recommended the submissions. Each proposal was evaluated by the group with emphasis on budget, benefits, objectives, and acceptable use of federal funds.

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**Student Success Activity Grants for Basic Skills Programs**  
**Grant Allotments: November 21, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

The State Board is asked to approve the funding of the following Basic Skills literacy programs to provide special student success grants from November 21, 2008 - June 30, 2009.

		<b>2008 - 2009 Recommended Allotment</b>
Wilkes Community College		\$4,000.00
Blue Ridge Community College		\$5,000.00
Gaston College		\$5,000.00
South Piedmont Community College		\$5,000.00
James Sprunt Community College		\$2,000.00
Sampson Community College		\$1,500.00
Craven Community College		\$2,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$25,000.00</b>