

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) Training Grants

**Request**

The State Board is asked to approve an allocation in the amount of \$11,900, for Sandhills Community College for the Basic Skills Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) Training Program for the period of August 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

**Rationale for Project Funding**

CASAS is a standardized, competency-based, student centered assessment system involving pre-post testing methods and linkage to instruction. It supports the requirements of the National Reporting System in measuring and tracking student progress. The NCCCS Basic Skills Department funds qualified Basic Skills State Certified Trainers. They then teach personnel at the local level to administer the assessment.

**Method of Allocation**

At the May 15, 2009 State Board meeting (FC-7) the State Board approved an allocation of \$76,275 to five community colleges and one community-based organization. Six programs applied and it was recommended that all six be funded at the level requested. Sandhills Community College was one of the six programs funded, however, they had two separate applications (both) recommended for funding and only one made it in the May Board packet. This request is for the second approved application that did not make it in the Board packet.

**Fund Source**

Federal funds are provided from the United States Department of Education through the Workforce Investment Act, Title II. States may use these state leadership monies for funding projects such as CASAS. The allocation is subject to availability of funds.

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