

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Basic Skills Funds for Community Based Organizations

Request

The State Board is requested to approve a total of **\$1,074,751** in allocations for twenty-three community-based organization grants for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Funding is for the provision of adult education and literacy activities which includes: adult education and literacy services, including workplace literacy services, family literacy services, and English literacy programs.

Method of Allocation

This year, only current grantees were given the opportunity to apply since the United States Department of Education recommended that states extend current grants because the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 was extended, not renewed. Basic Skills Plans and Applications were sent to all community-based organizations funded during the 2009-2010 program year. Two of those programs, Fill My Cup! and Richmond County Literacy Council, did not reapply for funds.

A grant reading committee of Linda Lytvinenko (Cape Fear Literacy Council), Laura Walters (Literacy Council of Wake County), Nancye Gaj (Motherhead), and Alice Denson (Orange County Literacy Council) met on April 9, 2010, and made recommendations for allocations based on requests, number of students served, average membership hours, and percentage of students completing a basic skills level. Readers were divided into two groups. Readers who were also applicants were not allowed to participate in the reading of their own grants.

Applicants versus Funded

The committee recommended funding all twenty-three grants. Ten programs requested the same amount of funding as they received in the previous year. Thirteen programs requested increases in funding. Readers recommended increases for twelve programs based on requests, number of students served, average membership hours, and percentage of students completing a basic skills level. Readers did not recommend an increase for Motherhead because there were no changes from the previous program year which would justify increased funding.

Fund Source and Availability

Funding is contingent upon the award of the Workforce Investment Act, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, from the U. S. Department of Education.

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Grant Allotments: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

The State Board is requested to approve the funding of the following non-profit private agencies to provide literacy programs from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Community Based Organizations	2010-2011 Requested Allotment	2010-2011 Recommended Allotment
Blue Ridge Literacy Council Hendersonville, NC	\$83,380	\$80,000
Brunswick County Literacy Council Supply, NC	\$10,500	\$10,500
Burke County Literacy Council Morganton, NC	\$19,600	\$19,600
Cape Fear Literacy Council Wilmington, NC	\$70,020	\$70,020
Carteret County Literacy Council Morehead City, NC	\$14,900	\$14,900
Columbus County Literacy Council Whiteville, NC	\$14,000	\$8,000
Craven Literacy Council New Bern, NC	\$40,800	\$38,500
Durham Literacy Center Durham, NC	\$80,000	\$80,000
Fayetteville Urban Ministry & Adult Reading Program Fayetteville, NC	\$23,700	\$23,700
Gaston Literacy Council Gastonia, NC	\$130,454	\$105,000
Harnett County Literacy Dunn, NC	\$27,800	\$25,800
Hoke Reading/Literacy Council Raeford, NC	\$12,500	\$8,000
Literacy Council of Buncombe County Asheville, NC	\$100,770	\$85,000

Community Based Organizations	2010-2011 Requested Allotment	2010-2011 Recommended Allotment
Literacy Council of Union County Monroe, NC	\$51,450	\$51,450
Literacy Council of Wake County Raleigh, NC	\$70,596	70,596
Literacy Volunteers of America – Pitt County Greenville, NC	\$52,300	\$52,300
Moore County Literacy Council Southern Pines, NC	\$21,150	\$21,150
MOTHEREAD Raleigh, NC	\$81,626	\$65,000
Orange County Literacy Council Chapel Hill, NC	\$62,828	\$56,085
Reading Connections Greensboro, NC	\$91,738	\$86,000
Rockingham County Literacy Project, Inc. Wentworth, NC	\$ 35,900	\$ 35,900
Scotland County Literacy Council Laurinburg, NC	\$ 31,400	\$ 31,400
YMCA Literacy Initiative Winston-Salem, NC	\$ 35,850	\$35,850
TOTAL:	\$1,163,262	1,074,751