

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Allocation of Funds for Colleges in the NC “Ready for College” Grant Program

Request:

The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve the allocation of \$280,165 to the five colleges participating in the national “**Ready for College**” initiative to support college program activities. This award is for a third twelve-month grant period from October 1, 2009 – September 27, 2010.

Rationale:

The US Department of Education, Office for Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) awarded NCCCS a grant of \$ 733,865 in September 2007, for a twenty-four month project. On September 28, 2009, the North Carolina Community College System requested a no-cost extension for the above referenced grant from September 28, 2009, until September 27, 2010. The request was approved on October 1, 2009.

All aspects of this grant project were not completed due to several unforeseen circumstances; among them, a change of the original project director and challenges with data collection systems. Additionally, the State of North Carolina imposed travel restrictions which prohibited us from holding or attending conferences and meetings, monitoring the existing programs, or expanding into new areas.

The five Ready for College institutions will receive \$280,165 of unexpended carryover funds to continue to serve the grants population and finalize the portability of the innovative programs created and implemented at the institutions.

Method of Allocation:

The colleges named in this allocation include the participants in the North Carolina grant and represent a collaborative of the Learning Colleges in the national “Breaking Through” initiative, originally funded by NC Glaxo Smith Kline. These colleges were selected for that initiative in a competitive process that included evaluations of written proposals, site visits and responses to those site visits. “Breaking Through” focuses on bringing low skilled adults from Basic Skills programs into college academic or career certification. OVAE expressed interest in the work of these colleges at national meetings and encouraged a partnership effort and proposal that would include these colleges to expand that work. The partnership efforts of these colleges provided the basis for their being selected to receive a portion of the fund allocation.

Proposed Allocation:

These funds will be made available to the following colleges for allowable program activities retroactively from October 1, 2009 to September 27, 2010.

Fund Availability:

These funds will be provided by the existing “**Ready for College**” grant pending approval of the revised budget by the US Department of Education, Office for Vocational and Adult Education, for allowable program activities from October 1, 2009 to September 27, 2010.

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Name of College	2009-2010 Proposed Budget Allocation
Davidson County Community College	\$40,730
Forsyth Technical Community College	\$41,155
Pamlico Community College	\$57,608
Pitt Community College	\$45,000
South Piedmont Community College	\$95,672