

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Prison Education Funds Allocation:**  
**Allocation for Program Start-Up – South Piedmont CC**

**Request:** The State Board is requested to approve the allocation of \$207,000 to South Piedmont Community College to support the start-up of new courses at Lanesboro Correctional Institution and Brown Creek Correctional Institution, two state prison facilities in the College's service area.

**Rationale:** The Division of Adult Correction (DAC) has identified a need for additional community college courses at the two prisons above. When additional courses are requested for inmate education, DAC often provides educational "start-up" funding since community colleges do not have funds appropriated for the initiation (or start-up) of Curriculum, Basic Skills, or Occupational Continuing Education programming. Start-up costs typically include faculty salaries, instructional supplies, and/or related instructional equipment for the first year. This funding is allocated specifically for start-up because colleges will generate FTE to support continuation of instruction.

**Method of Allocation:** These funds are allocated at the specific direction of the DAC, based on identified needs of the prison system. The recommendation is based on selection criteria consistent with priorities established by DAC as a result of the 2010 Legislative Continuation Review of Prisoner Education and subsequent legislation.

**Conditions of Awards:** The funds are allocated specifically for the start-up of small appliance repair, High School Equivalency, and Human Resources Development courses at Lanesboro, and plumbing at Brown Creek. The college must have separate course/program approval by the State Board before it may offer the instruction recommended for funding through this grant. At the end of the fiscal year, unexpended fund balances will be reviewed by DAC and may be approved for carryforward if the initial program start-up phase must cross fiscal years due to operational circumstances. Funds will not be approved for carryforward beyond one fiscal year after the initial allocation unless DAC and the System Office jointly determine that special circumstances have prevented the timely startup of the prison education program(s). The funds must be expended for the course(s) specified above, unless conditions change at a prison and DAC provides the college with authorization in writing to apply funds to the start-up of other priority course(s). The primary purpose of these funds is to cover instructor costs for first-year programming start-up, but use for instructional supplies and/or related instructional equipment is not prohibited if approved by DAC.

**Allocation Availability and Funding Source:** Funding is available through the State General Fund as appropriated to the DAC and subsequently transferred to the System Office. Because these funds are being allocated late in the current fiscal year, the allocation period is March 20, 2015 – June 30, 2015. DAC has pre-approved carryforward of these funds for FY 2015-16. Carryforward of these funds beyond FY 2015-16 requires additional approval by DAC.

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