

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Allocation for Food and Nutrition Services: Employment and Training Program Grant**  
**January 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018**

**Request:** The State Board is requested to approve \$561,129 in funding for seven (7) community colleges. Funds will be utilized to reimburse colleges for Education Navigator positions supporting Food and Nutritional Services: Employment and Training (FNS E&T) participants in accessing training opportunities.

**Background:** The Food and Nutrition Services Employment & Training (FNS E&T) Program, is part of the national Food and Nutrition Services Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In North Carolina, the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Social Services (DSS) oversees the FNS E&T Program and involvement is voluntary and determined at the local Department of Social Services (DSS) County office.

The purpose of the FNS E&T program in North Carolina is to provide employment and training assistance to participants in identified FNS E&T counties. It is the ultimate goal that this employment and training assistance will lead to employment at a livable wage, enabling participants to become self-sufficient.

As a partner in assisting the NC DHHS - DSS office in meeting that goal, the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) Workforce Continuing Education division has joined the SNAP to Skills NC Interagency Team. As a partner in this collaboration, the NCCCS will work with identified community colleges to implement programs with local DSS county offices in offering successful Employment and Training programs.

Education Navigators at the individual community colleges collaborate with the local DSS county office to provide educational assessments, aide in determining appropriate educational pathways, determine educational/employability plans of action, assist participants in accessing community college resources, coordinate with DSS Staff for participant supportive services, and provide outcome measures tracking.

**Method of Allocation:** Colleges identified for FNS E&T Education Navigators are determined by participation of the local DSS county office in the Employment and Training program.

Funding is recommended for all colleges where the DSS county office has submitted an FNS E&T plan to DHHS – DSS which includes a community college Education Navigator.

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Central Piedmont Community College and Durham Technical Community College are recommended for funding of two Education Navigation positions based on the potential Employment and Training participants in the counties within their respective service areas (Buncombe, Madison, Mecklenburg, Durham and Orange). All other colleges are recommended for funding of one Education Navigator position.

**Award Amount and Time Period:**

<b>College</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b># of Education Navigator Positions</b>
<b>Asheville-Buncombe Technical CC</b>	\$ 112,226	2
<b>Cape Fear CC</b>	\$ 56,113	1
<b>Central Carolina CC</b>	\$ 56,113	1
<b>Central Piedmont CC</b>	\$ 112,226	2
<b>Durham Technical CC</b>	\$ 112,226	2
<b>Gaston College</b>	\$ 56,113	1
<b>Wilson CC</b>	\$ 56,113	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 561,129</b>	<b>10</b>

The total allocation is \$561,129 for the period of January 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018.

**Fund Source and Availability:** The Department of Social Services, Food and Nutrition Services: Employment and Training program funds are contingent on the award of the NC Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Social Services grant Federal FY 2017-18.

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