



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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President

July 1, 2014

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: August 14, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents
Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Lisa M. Chapman, Ed. D.
Senior Vice President for Programs and Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Early Childhood Education Innovation Fund RFP

Proposals are being solicited for an Early Childhood Education Innovation Fund (ECEIF) grant for 2014-2015. Funding for this project is available through a grant from Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge grant, and is ***contingent upon the receipt of funds from the U.S. Department of Education***. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is attached, with a submission deadline of August 14, 2014. A maximum award of \$58,000 for one year will be awarded.

For the purpose of this Request for Proposal, the ECEIF will address the need for curriculum alignment. **Four important content areas are identified as priorities for attention:**

- *North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning and Development;*
- Formative Assessment Tools;
- Program of Study; and
- Professional Development for ECE faculty.

Priority will be given to projects developed through and in partnership with multiple NCCCS institutions. Proposals that include multiple NCCCS institutions must identify a lead college that will also serve as the fiscal agent.

Requests should be reasonable and appropriate for activities that must conclude by September 30, 2015. Funds may be used for faculty release time (substitute pay), travel and subsistence, materials and supplies necessary for project implementation, and contracted services. The project should result in professional development activities for instructors and redesign of the curriculum. Colleges interested in taking the lead on this initiative are encouraged to apply.

If you have questions about the RFP or the ECEIF, contact Lisa Eads, Program Coordinator at (919) 807-7133 - eadsl@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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Attachment

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