

ATTACHMENT FOR PART A -SUBRECIPIENT INFORMATION - ITEM #6

Finish Line Grants are grants of up to \$1,000 awarded to Community College students who are on the cusp of completing their education or training and are faced with an unanticipated financial hardship that may prevent them from doing so. Too often, financial emergencies like unexpected healthcare costs, childcare expenses, or car breakdowns prevent students from completing their programs. Finish Line Grants are awarded to eligible students facing these unforeseen challenges. Grants can be used for course materials, housing, medical needs, dependent care, or other financial hardships that students face through no fault of their own.

All 58 Community Colleges are eligible to receive an allocation approved by the State Board of Community Colleges with funding from Emergency Assistance to non-Public Schools (EANS). The Governor's Office made available \$3.1 million sourced from the Emergency Assistance to non-Public Schools (EANS) fund through September 30, 2023 and is planning to award additional federal funds to support the program for an additional year ending September 30, 2024. In the past, Governor Cooper has proposed recurring funding to make the Finish Line Grants program ongoing, including funding for students in four-year college and university programs, which did not pass the General Assembly. Therefore, the Governor's Office made available \$3.1 million from the Emergency Assistance to non-Public Schools (EANS) fund through September 30, 2023, and he is planning to award additional federal funds to support the program for an additional year ending September 30, 2024.

The maximum grant per student per semester is \$1,000. At the Community College's discretion, students may be eligible for grant awards in more than one semester. Colleges may choose to use other available funds to provide additional support to students who receive Finish Line Grants. The State Board of Community Colleges approved allocations to each community college with a base award of \$20,000 and additional amounts based upon each Community College's curriculum student full-time equivalency. In order to be eligible for a Finish Line Grant, a student must be enrolled in a North Carolina Community College in a curriculum program or an eligible workforce continuing education course leading to an industry-recognized credential, and be in good academic standing as defined by the Community College. Threshold may not be higher than a 2.0 grade point average, and have completed at least 50% of the degree or credential program (or be enrolled in the courses that will constitute 50% completion).

The purpose of the Finish Line Grants program is to assist current students who have completed (or are enrolled in) at least 50% of their degree or credential program. Finish Line Grants are not awarded to pay outstanding debt nor late fees incurred.