

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Allocation for Student Support Services (Longleaf Commitment)**  
**FY 2021-22 through September 30, 2023**

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve the allocation of \$4,925,000 to community colleges for the Student Support Services (Longleaf Commitment Grant) to expand evidence-based practices, including student advising, success coaching capacity, and related investments (e.g., technology support).

**Strategic Plan Reference:**

**Theme:** Clear & Supported Pathways for Student Progress and Success

**Goal:** Provide a continuum of education, training, advising, and support to help learners make informed decisions that lead to credentials and careers.

- Objective 2.1: Provide timely and accurate career exploration and academic planning opportunities.
- Objective 2.2: Provide integrated, targeted support services that promote student success.
- Objective 2.4: Reduce achievement gaps for underserved students.

**Background:** North Carolina has received a total of \$137.8 million in aid from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund through federal COVID-19 relief packages. To date, the Governor has awarded \$86.4 million of GEER funds, including \$15 million to community colleges, to fund tuition assistance grants for students in high-demand workforce training programs.

On May 24, 2021, the Governor's office announced the "Longleaf Commitment Grant," ("Commitment") which guarantees that eligible 2021 North Carolina high school graduates receive enough financial aid to cover tuition and fees for up to two years to earn an associate degree and/or credits to transfer to a four-year institution. Critical to North Carolina's attainment goal, this program will facilitate learning recovery and ensure today's high school graduates do not fall out of the education pipeline for good. The Commitment sends a clear message to students that they are not alone in the pandemic, and college is in reach despite the challenging circumstances. The Governor is committing up to \$31.5 million to support this program, which will include \$25.5 million for student aid, \$5 million in matching funds to expand student support services, and \$1 million for communication/outreach and administration. The Longleaf Commitment student aid funds were awarded to the NC State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) to administer as NCSEAA administers the Community College grant and the Lottery Scholarship aid programs for community colleges. The State Board of Community Colleges approved FC 01 on June 2, 2021 for the outreach and marketing contract for the Longleaf Commitment.

**Rationale:** The Governor is committed to making sure that students are surrounded by the support systems necessary to thrive from the first day of classes through graduation. The North Carolina Community College System shares that student success vision and continues to improve and expand the colleges' outreach and student success advising capacity. Based on college-level assessment of student success out-comes and initiatives, these flexible funds can be used to expand evidence-based practices, including student advising, success coaching capacity, and related investments (e.g., technology support). The student support services (Longleaf Commitment Grant) funds allocated to colleges are required to be matched in accordance with the grant award.

**Method of Allocation:** The allocation formula is based upon a base amount and FY 2020-21 Curriculum Budget FTE. Matching requirements are based upon each college's FY 2020-21 Presidential Salary Grade which is based upon FTE (Grade 1 FTE less than 2,500 = 0% match; Grade 2 FTE 2,500-6,499 = 20% match; Grade 3 FTE 6,500 and greater = 40% match). Table 1 provides the allocation and matching for each college. Funds are additive and cannot be used to supplant existing funds.

The System Office will develop a funding request process for colleges to submit a request for funding, notification of student support service plan, certification of matching funds (if applicable), and agreement to meet reporting requirements.

**Allocation Amount and Time Period:** The allocation is for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, and shall not exceed \$4,925,000.

**Fund Source and Availability:** Funding is available through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund (Longleaf Commitment Grant) as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA), Pub. L. No. 116-260 (December 27, 2020), and awarded to the North Carolina Office of the Governor by the U.S. Department of Education. From these funds, the Office of State Budget and Management has awarded the System Office the funds necessary to enter into the contract described above.

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Table 1 – Student Support Services (Longleaf Commitment Grant) Allocation Amount and Matching Requirement

<b>COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>	<b>2020-21 CU BFTE</b>	<b>Base Amount</b>	<b>BFTE Amount</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Matching %</b>	<b>Matching Amount</b>
Alamance CC	3,575	\$ 40,000	\$ 49,831	\$ 89,831	20%	\$ 17,966
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	5,414	40,000	75,464	115,464	40%	46,186
Beaufort County CC	1,274	40,000	17,758	57,758	0%	-
Bladen CC	1,196	40,000	16,671	56,671	0%	-
Blue Ridge CC	1,892	40,000	26,372	66,372	20%	13,274
Brunswick CC	1,321	40,000	18,413	58,413	0%	-
Caldwell CC & TI	3,111	40,000	43,363	83,363	20%	16,673
Cape Fear CC	7,437	40,000	103,661	143,661	40%	57,464
Carteret CC	1,364	40,000	19,012	59,012	0%	-
Catawba Valley CC	3,996	40,000	55,699	95,699	20%	19,140
Central Carolina CC	4,642	40,000	64,703	104,703	20%	20,941
Central Piedmont CC	15,198	40,000	211,839	251,839	40%	100,736
Cleveland CC	2,258	40,000	31,473	71,473	20%	14,295
Coastal Carolina CC	3,818	40,000	53,218	93,218	20%	18,644
College of The Albemarle	2,133	40,000	29,731	69,731	20%	13,946
Craven CC	2,498	40,000	34,819	74,819	20%	14,964
Davidson-Davie CC	3,106	40,000	43,293	83,293	20%	16,659
Durham TCC	4,325	40,000	60,284	100,284	20%	20,057

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Edgecombe CC	1,688	40,000	23,528	63,528	0%	-
Fayetteville TCC	10,131	40,000	141,212	181,212	40%	72,485
Forsyth TCC	6,836	40,000	95,284	135,284	40%	54,114
Gaston College	4,356	40,000	60,717	100,717	20%	20,143
Guilford TCC	9,272	40,000	129,239	169,239	40%	67,696
Halifax CC	878	40,000	12,238	52,238	0%	-
Haywood CC	1,347	40,000	18,775	58,775	0%	-
Isothermal CC	1,853	40,000	25,828	65,828	0%	-
James Sprunt CC	1,045	40,000	14,566	54,566	0%	-
Johnston CC	3,485	40,000	48,576	88,576	20%	17,715
Lenoir CC	2,246	40,000	31,306	71,306	20%	14,261
Martin CC	725	40,000	10,105	50,105	0%	-
Mayland CC	765	40,000	10,663	50,663	0%	-
McDowell TCC	928	40,000	12,935	52,935	0%	-
Mitchell CC	2,309	40,000	32,184	72,184	20%	14,437
Montgomery CC	860	40,000	11,987	51,987	0%	-
Nash CC	2,521	40,000	35,139	75,139	20%	15,028
Pamlico CC	532	40,000	7,415	47,415	0%	-
Piedmont CC	1,091	40,000	15,207	55,207	0%	-
Pitt CC	7,191	40,000	100,233	140,233	40%	56,093
Randolph CC	2,243	40,000	31,264	71,264	20%	14,253

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Richmond CC	2,096	40,000	29,215	69,215	20%	13,843
Roanoke-Chowan CC	501	40,000	6,983	46,983	0%	-
Robeson CC	1,744	40,000	24,309	64,309	20%	12,862
Rockingham CC	1,526	40,000	21,270	61,270	0%	-
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	5,408	40,000	75,380	115,380	40%	46,152
Sampson CC	1,482	40,000	20,657	60,657	0%	-
Sandhills CC	3,456	40,000	48,172	88,172	20%	17,634
South Piedmont CC	2,045	40,000	28,504	68,504	20%	13,701
Southeastern CC	1,316	40,000	18,343	58,343	0%	-
Southwestern CC	2,000	40,000	27,877	67,877	20%	13,575
Stanly CC	2,091	40,000	29,146	69,146	20%	13,829
Surry CC	2,662	40,000	37,105	77,105	20%	15,421
Tri-County CC	957	40,000	13,339	53,339	0%	-
Vance-Granville CC	2,369	40,000	33,021	73,021	20%	14,604
Wake TCC	18,018	40,000	251,146	291,146	40%	116,458
Wayne CC	2,885	40,000	40,213	80,213	20%	16,043
Western Piedmont CC	1,779	40,000	24,797	64,797	0%	-
Wilkes CC	2,294	40,000	31,975	71,975	20%	14,395
Wilson CC	1,402	40,000	19,543	59,543	0%	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186,891</b>	<b>\$ 2,320,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,605,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,925,000</b>		<b>\$1,045,687</b>