

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation for Truck Driver Shortage Program
February 17, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve the allocation of \$2,000,000 to select community colleges to address the truck driver shortage in North Carolina.

Strategic Plan Reference:

Goal 4: Provide education, training, and credentials to develop the most competitive workforce in the nation. Community colleges must provide solutions to the talent needs caused by recent economic development success, ensure the economy includes all North Carolinians in its prosperity, and brace against future market disruptions.

Background: Session Law 2021-180, Section 24.1B.(a) appropriated from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds to the North Carolina Trucking Association Foundation (NCTAF), a nonprofit foundation, to address the truck driver shortage. Through a subaward agreement, NCTAF will allocate \$2,000,000 to the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS).

Rationale: The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) is committed to ensuring the workforce needs of the trucking industry are being met. Under the Truck Driver Shortage Program, eligible colleges will receive funding to support the following:

- 1) Instructor pay and equipment related to truck driver training programs, particularly in rural and depressed areas.
- 2) Tuition scholarships for individuals that are unable to afford tuition for coursework related to truck driver training programs and to obtain commercial driver licensure.
- 3) Hiring bonuses to retired truck drivers recruited as instructors to expand community college training programs.

Method of Allocation: A Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the NCCCS website on February 2, 2023. Applications were due to System Office program staff on February 9, 2023. Twenty-four applications totaling \$7,984,681 in funding requests were received, reviewed, and evaluated. The recommendation in Table 1 below reflects funding for 9 applications. Three applications represent college collaborations.

Table 1: Recommended Allocation to Colleges

College	Amount Requested	Allocation
Beaufort County CC	\$250,000	\$154,500
Caldwell CC TI & Southeastern CC	\$400,000	\$247,200
Central Carolina CC, Randolph CC, & Sandhills CC	\$400,000	\$247,200
Central Piedmont CC	\$400,000	\$247,200
Guilford TCC	\$400,000	\$247,200
Fayetteville TCC & Bladen CC	\$400,000	\$247,200
Johnston CC	\$387,181	\$212,300
Richmond CC & Montgomery CC	\$400,000	\$247,200
Sampson CC	\$200,000	\$150,000
Total		\$2,000,000

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is available from State Fiscal Recovery Funds, as authorized by Session Law 2021-180, Section 24.1B(a) and contingent upon receiving approved agreement from NCTAF.

Allocation Period: February 17, 2023 – December 31, 2024.

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