

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation of Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)
FY 2018-19

Request: The State Board is requested to approve \$2,085,174 for the base funding allocations for sixty-three eligible providers to provide adult education and literacy activities in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA).

The State Board is also asked to approve a replacement for the mitigation that was approved by the State Board in item FC 10 on February 16, 2018. The following mitigation is requested:

Mitigation: For providers who received a FY 2017-18 AEFLA allocation and who applied and met the minimum score required for the FY 2018-2021 competitive grant application, the FY 2018-19 allocation will be adjusted such that the amount awarded will be no less than 85% of the FY 2017-18 allocation.

The access and performance components of the allocation will be brought to the State Board with the mitigation calculation at the July State Board meeting.

Strategic Plan Reference:

Theme: Economic and Workforce Impact

Goal 3: To ensure the educational pipeline prepares a workforce possessing the interest, knowledge, skills, and abilities to meet the needs of employers, now and into the future.

- Objective 3.1: Collaborate with the stakeholders to promote a workforce system that fosters innovation and establishes seamless connections among community colleges, K-12 education, universities, workforce and economic development partners, and business and industry.

Background: In January 2018, the North Carolina Office of Adult Education opened a multiyear grants competition to eligible providers as required by WIOA Title I, § 463.20. Grant funds made available under section 222 (a)(1) of the Act, to NCCCS, required a competitive grant process to award funds to eligible providers to enable them to develop, implement, and improve adult education and literacy activities within the State. In conducting the competitive grant process, the System Office ensured that all eligible providers had direct and equitable access to apply and compete for grants or contracts. Upon receipt of applications, the first step was for the local Workforce Development Board to review the extent to which the application is aligned to local workforce priorities. The grant applications were then returned to the System Office for evaluation by external grant review panels. Each application was evaluated by a rubric addressing the 7 requirements and 13 considerations of the WIOA, Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act. It was understood and agreed upon by each reviewer that all responses were confidential information. All Title II application reviewers agreed not to disclose the confidential information contained within each application. Additionally, they agreed not to disclose any review comments or scores unless required to do so by law.

Method of Allocation: Title II WIOA funds for Adult Education and Family Literacy are distributed by the NC Community College System according to a formula adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges in February 16, 2018. These programs are funded under Section 231(AEFLA), 225 (C&I), and 243 (IELCE) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). These funds are intended to supplement an organization's adult education activities. The funding formula is the recommendation of a committee that was made up of representatives from urban and rural community-based organizations and community colleges. Beginning with the 2018-2019 award year, funding will be awarded to all eligible providers under this new formula and all grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for a three-year period. The formula has 3 components:

1. **Base:** 15% of available funding will be allocated for base funding to be distributed equally across providers. The base component is available to providers who received a FY 2017-18 allocation and to new providers.
2. **Access:** 50% of available funding will be allocated for access and will be available only to providers who received a FY 2017-18 allocation and submitted data. Access will be determined by contact hours of participants within 3 weighted tiers:
 - Tier A – Weight 5: Beginning Adult Basic Education Literacy, Beginning Adult Basic Education, Beginning English as a Second Language (ESL) Literacy, Beginning ESL
 - Tier B - Weight 4: Low Intermediate ESL, High Intermediate ESL, Low Advanced ESL, High Advanced ESL, Low Intermediate Adult Basic Education, High Intermediate Adult Basic Education
 - Tier C – Weight 3: Adult Secondary Education Low, Adult Secondary Education High
3. **Performance:** 35% of available funding will be allocated for performance. Performance allocations will be determined by the number and percentage of basic skills participant periods of participation with a measurable skills gain. (Under federal regulations, a *period of participation* begins when a participant enters the program and does not end until a participant exits the program. If a student has 12 or more contact hours during this time, the student is classified as a participant within a period of participation. *Measurable skills gains* are required by WIOA and is used to demonstrate participants' progress toward achieving a credential or employment.) This allocation will be available only to providers who received a FY 2017-18 allocation and submitted data.

Allocation Amount and Time Period: The allocation is \$2,085,174 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The access and performance components of the allocation will be brought to the State Board with the mitigation calculation at the July State Board meeting.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is contingent upon the award from the United States Department of Education Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

Applicants recommended for funding:

	Base Allocation Amount
Alamance Community College	\$33,098
Asheville-Buncombe Community College	\$33,098
Beaufort County Community College	\$33,098
Bladen Community College	\$33,098
Blue Ridge Community College	\$33,098
Brunswick Community College	\$33,098
Burke County Literacy Council	\$33,098
Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute	\$33,098
Cape Fear Community College	\$33,098
Cape Fear Literacy Council	\$33,098
Carteret Community College	\$33,098
Catawba Valley Community College	\$33,098
Central Carolina Community College	\$33,098
Central Piedmont Community College	\$33,098
Cleveland Community College	\$33,098
Coastal Carolina Community College	\$33,098
College of The Albemarle	\$33,098
Craven Community College	\$33,098
Craven Literacy Council	\$33,098
Davidson County Community College	\$33,098
Durham Technical Community College	\$33,098
Edgecombe Community College	\$33,098
Fayetteville Technical Community College	\$33,098
Gaston College	\$33,098
Gaston Literacy Council	\$33,098
Halifax Community College	\$33,098
Haywood Community College	\$33,098
Isothermal Community College	\$33,098
James Sprunt Community College	\$33,098
Johnston Community College	\$33,098
Lenoir Community College	\$33,098
Literacy Council of Buncombe County	\$33,098
Literacy Volunteers - Pitt County	\$33,098
Mayland Community College	\$33,098
McDowell Technical Community College	\$33,098
Mitchell Community College	\$33,098
Motheread, Inc.	\$33,098
Nash Community College	\$33,098
Orange County Literacy Council	\$33,098
Pamlico Community College	\$33,098
Piedmont Community College	\$33,098
Pitt Community College	\$33,098
Randolph Community College	\$33,098

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	Base Allocation Amount
Reading Connections, Inc.	\$33,098
Richmond Community College	\$33,098
Robeson Community College	\$33,098
Rockingham Community College	\$33,098
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	\$33,098
Sampson Community College	\$33,098
Sandhills Community College	\$33,098
South Piedmont Community College	\$33,098
Southeastern Community College	\$33,098
Southwestern Community College	\$33,098
Stanly Community College	\$33,098
Surry Community College	\$33,098
Triangle Literacy Council	\$33,098
Tri-County Community College	\$33,098
Vance-Granville Community College	\$33,098
Wake Technical Community College	\$33,098
Wayne Community College	\$33,098
Western Piedmont Community College	\$33,098
Wilkes Community College	\$33,098
YMCA Adult Literacy	\$33,098
Total	\$2,085,174