

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Allocation for Longleaf Complete**  
**FY 2021-22 through September 30, 2023**

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve the allocation of \$3,500,000 to community colleges for the Longleaf Complete Grant.

**Strategic Plan Reference:**

**Theme:** Student Interest and Access

**Goal:** Increase the percentage of North Carolinians, particularly within underserved populations, pursuing and easily accessing education or training through North Carolina community colleges.

- Objective 1.1: Improve the understanding and perceived value of educational opportunities, including lifelong learning, offered by community colleges.
  - 1.1.3: Reconnect former community college student to education and training opportunities that foster continued educational and career growth.
- Objective 1.3: Identify and reduce access barriers for all prospective students, particularly among underserved populations.
  - 1.3.1: Improve and augment existing financial assistance programs and services to better assist students with educational costs, particularly costs beyond tuition and fees (e.g., books, transportation, child care, etc.).

**Background:** North Carolina has received a total of \$137.8 million in aid from the Governors Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund through federal COVID-19 relief packages. On May 24, 2021, the Governor’s office announced the “Longleaf Complete program,” which awards \$3.5 million to the NC Community College System to meet the state’s ambitious credential attainment goals; the state needs to quickly re-engage “near-completers” —current or former students who are at least 50% toward their degree or credential— and ensure more students are not forced out of the pipeline. Prior to the pandemic, more than a million North Carolinians had some college credits but no degree. During the pandemic, 3 in 10 adults who planned to go to college canceled their plans.

**Rationale:** The Longleaf Complete program provides \$3.5 million to help community college near-completers finish their degree or credential. The funds may be used for s student aid grants to address unmet financial need helping these “part-way home” students succeed through graduation.

Eligible students for the Longleaf Complete student aid grant are as follows:

- NC resident for tuition purposes as determined by the Residency Determination Service,
- Enrolled in a curriculum program of study,
- Completed at least 30 semester hours of credit,
- Has not previously completed a postsecondary degree.

While not required, whenever possible, colleges will prioritize the Longleaf Complete student aid grant to adult learners (age 24 and older) and those who have not attended college since March 13, 2020.

**Method of Allocation:** The allocation formula is based upon FY 2020-21 Curriculum Budget FTE (see Table 1). Funds are additive and cannot be used to supplant existing funds.

Colleges will adhere to coding, workflow, and local tracking guidance in order to meet reporting requirements as directed by the NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO).

Table 1 – Longleaf Complete Student Aid Allocations

COMMUNITY COLLEGE	2020-21 CU BFTE	BFTE Amount
Alamance CC	3,575	\$ 66,951
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	5,414	101,391
Beaufort County CC	1,274	23,859
Bladen CC	1,196	22,398
Blue Ridge CC	1,892	35,432
Brunswick CC	1,321	24,739
Caldwell CC & TI	3,111	58,261
Cape Fear CC	7,437	139,276
Carteret CC	1,364	25,544
Catawba Valley CC	3,996	74,835
Central Carolina CC	4,642	86,933
Central Piedmont CC	15,198	284,620
Cleveland CC	2,258	42,287
Coastal Carolina CC	3,818	71,502
College of The Albemarle	2,133	39,946
Craven CC	2,498	46,781
Davidson-Davie CC	3,106	58,168
Durham TCC	4,325	80,996
Edgecombe CC	1,688	31,612
Fayetteville TCC	10,131	189,728
Forsyth TCC	6,836	128,021
Gaston College	4,356	81,577

Guilford TCC	9,272	173,641
Halifax CC	878	16,443
Haywood CC	1,347	25,226
Isothermal CC	1,853	34,702
James Sprunt CC	1,045	19,570
Johnston CC	3,485	65,265
Lenoir CC	2,246	42,062
Martin CC	725	13,577
Mayland CC	765	14,327
McDowell TCC	928	17,379
Mitchell CC	2,309	43,242
Montgomery CC	860	16,106
Nash CC	2,521	47,212
Pamlico CC	532	9,963
Piedmont CC	1,091	20,432
Pitt CC	7,191	134,669
Randolph CC	2,243	42,006
Richmond CC	2,096	39,253
Roanoke-Chowan CC	501	9,382
Robeson CC	1,744	32,661
Rockingham CC	1,526	28,578
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	5,408	101,278
Sampson CC	1,482	27,754
Sandhills CC	3,456	64,722
South Piedmont CC	2,045	38,298
Southeastern CC	1,316	24,645
Southwestern CC	2,000	37,455
Stanly CC	2,091	39,159
Surry CC	2,662	49,853
Tri-County CC	957	17,922
Vance-Granville CC	2,369	44,365
Wake TCC	18,018	337,432
Wayne CC	2,885	54,029
Western Piedmont CC	1,779	33,316
Wilkes CC	2,294	42,961
Wilson CC	1,402	26,258
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186,891</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,000</b>

**Allocation Amount and Time Period:** The allocation is for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 and shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

**Fund Source and Availability:** Funding is available through the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund 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 allocation described above.

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