

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
Allocation for Improving Career and Technical Education at Rural Colleges  
FY 2019-20

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve \$1,000,000 from Perkins reserve funds from the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V) to 42 rural colleges for the 2019-20 academic year.

**Strategic Plan Reference:**

Theme: Economic and Workforce Impact

Goal: 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 3.2: Offer relevant, high-quality instructional programs that meet the needs of business and industry for existing and future jobs.
  - Strategy 3.2.5: Modify the instructional funding model to ensure colleges have necessary resources to offer workforce training needed by their communities.

**Background:** The purpose of the Perkins V Act is to develop more fully the academic and technical and employability skills of secondary education students and postsecondary education students who elect to enroll in career and technical education (CTE) programs. Reserve funds will be spent in the following areas following the policies outlined in the Perkins V Act, Section 135, with emphasis on:

- Providing career exploration and career development activities through an organized systematic framework designed to aide postsecondary students before enrolling and while participating in CTE, in making informed plans and decisions about future education and career opportunities and programs of study.
- Providing professional development for faculty, supporting individuated CTE instructional approaches.
- Providing within CTE the skills necessary to pursue careers in high skill, high wage or in-demand industry sectors or occupations
- Supporting integration of academic skills into CTE programs and programs of study.

**Rationale for Allocation:** An eligible agency may award grants to eligible recipients for career and technical education activities in rural areas. The purpose of this reserve funding is to help support the colleges in rural areas improve their Career and Technical Education programs in the development , implementation and adoption of programs of study or career pathways allowed with State -identified high-skill, high-wage, or in demand occupations or industries.(Perkins Act, Sec 112(a)(3)(c))

**Method of Allocation:** Perkins reserve funds will be allocated to rural colleges using the percentage of CTE Participants receiving Pell grants or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) assistance. The methodology used to determine this allocation is explained below:

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- The population of each college service area was divided by the land area of each service area to obtain the population per square mile in each of the college service areas.
  - Population is the July 2017 estimate from the NC Office of State Budget and Management
  - Land Area is the 2010 data from U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division based on the TIGER/Geographic Identification Code Scheme (TIGER/GICS).
- Three of the college service areas split two of the counties (Bertie and Northampton). In those cases, both the county population as well as county land area were split in half for each of the impacted colleges.
- Forty-two colleges were found to have a service-area population per square mile less than 250, which meets the definition of *rural* used by the NC Rural Center. The sixteen colleges with a service area population per square mile above 250 were removed.
- *CTE Participant* is any current student who is not enrolled in a primary code of A10, C10, D10, T90, or P10 and has attempted at least 6 hours of CTE courses.
- 2017-18 enrollment data was used to determine Pell grants or BIA assistance.
- Thus, colleges in rural areas with the greatest number of CTE participants receiving Pell grants or BIA assistance will receive a larger percentage of the reserve funds.
- Except for the *rural* designation, this is the same formula used to allocate the Perkins basic grant funds.

Funding per college is as follows:

College	Population/ square mile	CTE Pell/BIA Participants	Allocation
Beaufort County Community College	32	177	\$9,303
Bladen Community College	39	325	\$17,082
Blue Ridge Community College	200	383	\$20,130
Brunswick Community College	156	221	\$11,616
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	178	532	\$27,962
Carteret Community College	139	359	\$18,869
Central Carolina Community College	172	987	\$51,876
Cleveland Community College	212	595	\$31,273
College of The Albemarle	82	277	\$14,559
Craven Community College	146	586	\$30,800
Edgecombe Community College	105	786	\$41,312
Halifax Community College	63	239	\$12,562
Haywood Community College	113	443	\$23,284
Isothermal Community College	112	523	\$27,489
James Sprunt Community College	73	284	\$14,927
Johnston Community College	246	644	\$33,847
Lenoir Community College	78	559	\$29,381
Martin Community College	41	116	\$6,097
Mayland Community College	66	262	\$13,771

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McDowell Technical Community College	105	221	\$11,616
Montgomery Community College	57	217	\$11,405
Nash Community College	176	713	\$37,475
Pamlico Community College	39	126	\$6,623
Piedmont Community College	77	252	\$13,245
Randolph Community College	184	602	\$31,641
Richmond Community College	102	700	\$36,792
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	46	206	\$10,827
Robeson Community College	139	601	\$31,588
Rockingham Community College	162	296	\$15,558
Sampson Community College	68	344	\$18,081
Sandhills Community College	139	630	\$33,113
South Piedmont Community College	218	393	\$20,656
Southeastern Community College	60	410	\$21,549
Southwestern Community College	61	604	\$31,746
Stanly Community College	159	735	\$38,631
Surry Community College	128	558	\$29,328
Tri-County Community College	51	261	\$13,718
Vance-Granville Community College	113	689	\$36,214
Wayne Community College	225	722	\$37,948
Western Piedmont Community College	179	483	\$25,386
Wilkes Community College	77	564	\$29,644
Wilson Community College	222	401	\$21,076
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Fund Source and Availability:** Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V) basic grant reserve funds are available in the amount of \$1,000,000.

**Time Period:** The allocation period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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