

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
State Board Reserve Funding for the Student Success Center
FY 2019-20

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) is asked to approve \$50,000 from State Board Reserve to support The North Carolina Community College System's (NCCCS) Student Success Center's second cohort of Guided Pathways colleges, Cohort B. The request for funding will be used to cover the cost of convenings for the colleges associated with Cohort B.

Strategic Plan Reference:

Theme: Clear & Supported Pathways for Student Progress and Success

Goal 2: 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 2.3: Increase completion of credentials for successful transition to careers and/or further education.
- Objective 2.4: Reduce achievement gaps for underserved students.

Background: In 2018-19, the Student Success Center implemented the first Guided Pathways cohort of colleges. Beginning Fall 2019, the second cohort (Cohort B) will begin their work (exact number of colleges still to be determined).

The successes seen by the first cohort of colleges in instituting holistic change at their institutions, are indicative of the importance of the national Guided Pathways initiative. The short-term Key Performance Indicators (KPI) further support the efficacy of this work.

Rationale: Increased Completion Rates - Guided Pathways focuses on building capacity for our community colleges to design and implement structured academic and career pathways at scale for all of our students. The four pillars of Guided Pathways are:

- Clarify paths to student end goals
- Help students choose and enter a pathway
- Help students stay on path
 - Equity
 - Financial Stability
- Ensure students are learning

This work is accomplished through 2-day Institutes with colleges teams, and numerous regionally aligned, target specific day-long workshops. National experts often present at these workshops as we continue to build North Carolina expertise. Costs associated with these convenings include, but are not limited to: speaker costs, travel expenses, and typical conference costs.

Fund Source and Availability: FY 2019-20 funding is available from the State Board Reserve Fund from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Grant funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Belk Endowment, and Jobs for the Future will help supplement the requested funding from the State Board Reserve Fund.

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