

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Update to Revised Allocation for NC Career Coach Program
FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, and FY 2021-22

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve a change to the allocations for Blue Ridge Community College (LEA) previously approved on December 11, 2019 (FC 04) for salary, benefits, and travel expenses of Career Coaches. Funding will be adjusted as appropriate for legislative salary and benefits rate increases.

Background: G.S. 115D-21.5 establishes the NC Career Coach program placing community college career coaches in high schools to assist students with determining career goals and identifying community college programs that enable students to achieve these goals. Further, legislation requires that an advisory committee, including representatives from the North Carolina Community College System, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Commerce, and at least three representatives of the business community, review applications and make recommendations for funding awards to the State Board of Community Colleges. Lastly, legislation mandates an annual report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. The October 1, 2019, report (PROG 04) identified the “matching requirement” of non-state funds as a barrier to success. The General Assembly responded with legislation, which adjusts the matching requirement based on county tiers.

In accordance with Senate Bill 61, enacted as Session Law 2019-235, the SBCC approved FC 04 on December 11, 2019, a revision to the November 15, 2019 (FC04) item. Effective July 1, 2019, G.S. 115D-21.5(c) (specific subsection below) was amended to adjust the matching formula based on the 2019 county tiers where the LEA is located.

“b. Evidence that the funding request will be matched dollar-for-dollar with local funds in accordance with the following:

1. Matching funds may come from public or private sources.
2. The match amount shall be determined based on the development tier designation of the county in which the local school administrative unit is located where the career coach is assigned on the date of the award of funds by the State Board of Community Colleges according to the following:
 - I. If located in a tier one county as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, no local match shall be required.
 - II. If located in a tier two county as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, one dollar (\$1.00) of local funds for every two dollars (\$2.00) in State funds shall be required.
 - III. If located in a tier three county as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, one dollar (\$1.00) of local funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) in State funds shall be required.”

Rationale: Table 1 outlines the updated allocations in compliance with G.S. 115D 21.5(c).

Table 1: Updated Allocations for Blue Ridge CC for FY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22

College	LEA County	LEA Tier	December 11, 2019		Revision for Blue Ridge CC		
			# of Coaches	Approved Allocation	# of Coaches	Revision	Revised Allocation
Blue Ridge	Transylvania	Tier 2	3	158,328	1	(105,552)	52,776
Blue Ridge	Henderson	Tier 3	0	0	2	79,164	79,164
Total			3	158,328		(26,388)	131,940

Fund Source and Availability: FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, and FY 2021-22 allocations are contingent upon State General Fund appropriation and adjusted by any legislative action.

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