

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation for Basic Skills Funds for Transitions Grants

Request: The State Board is requested to approve a total of \$1,240,553 in allocations for the second year of a two-year grant cycle for twenty-three transitions grants for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The Board approved the first year's funding in July 2013 (FC10). Funding is for the provision of adult education and literacy transition activities in the following grants: Innovations in Transitions, Pathways to Employment, Project IDEAL, Comprehensive Family Literacy, and Contextualized Family Literacy.

Method of Allocation: Transition grant applications for 2013-2015 were sent to all community colleges and community-based organizations funded during the 2012-2013 program year. A grant reading committee met on June 10, 11, and 12, 2013, and scored all grants on a 100-point scale. Grant readers included representatives from four community agencies, fifteen from community colleges, and six from the System Office. Readers who were also applicants were not allowed to participate in the reading of their own grants or other competing grants.

Applicants versus Funded: System Office staff reviewed the budgets for all grants that received scores of 85 points or higher and eliminated items that were unallowable or unreasonable. Unallowable costs include more than 5% for administrative costs, advertising fees, occupational supplies/textbooks, and memberships to professional organizations. Unreasonable costs include any cost that was not explained (budget sheets required a detailed explanation of all costs), fees to travel to national conferences, excessive software/networking/maintenance costs, training provided by other agencies that the System Office provides to local programs free of charge, and local student/staff travel. The amount of funding available only covered the twenty-three grants that received scores of 85 points or higher. Sixty-six applications were received; however, funding was available for only twenty-three grants. Readers recommended funding the top-scoring twenty-three grants. The State Board approved the requested amount for the 2013-2014 year. The State Board is now requested to fund the same twenty-three colleges' proposals for the 2014-2015 program year at the same rate allocated in 2013-2014.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is contingent upon the award of the Workforce Investment Act, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, from the U. S. Department of Education.

Allocation Amount and Time Period: The allocation amount is \$1,240,553 for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

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Basic Skills Funds for Transitions Grants
Grant Allotments: July 19, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Innovations in Transitions	2013-2014 Requested Allotment	2013-2014 Allotment	2014-2015 Recommended Allotment
Central Piedmont CC	\$69,633	\$55,963	\$55,963
Gaston Literacy Council	\$51,994	\$41,335	\$41,335
Isothermal CC	\$16,980	\$16,838	\$16,838
Pitt CC	\$88,830	\$47,092	\$47,092
Southwestern CC	\$236,600	\$114,912	\$114,912
Wilkes CC	\$95,808	\$56,533	\$56,533
Totals:	\$559,845	\$332,673	\$332,673

The following programs applied for grants, but received less than 85 points and were not recommended for funding: Innovations in Transitions: Alamance CC, Caldwell CC&TI, Catawba Valley CC, College of the Albemarle, Craven CC, Davidson County Community College, Durham Literacy Council, Halifax CC, Lenoir CC, Literacy Council of Wake County, Mayland CC, McDowell TCC, Sandhills CC, South Piedmont CC, Stanly CC, Wake TCC, Western Piedmont CC

Pathways to Employment	2013-2014 Requested Allotment	2013-2014 Allotment	2014-2015 Recommended Allotment
Central Piedmont CC	\$190,762	\$146,215	\$146,215
Southwestern CC	\$102,527	\$102,527	\$102,527
Western Piedmont CC	\$12,127	\$11,138	\$11,138
Wilkes CC	\$35,000	\$31,031	\$31,031
Totals:	\$340,416	\$290,911	\$290,911

The following programs applied for grants, but received less than 85 points and were not recommended for funding: Pathways to Employment: Alamance CC, Caldwell CC&TI, Catawba Valley CC, College of the Albemarle, Davidson County Community College, Sandhills CC, Tri-County CC

Project IDEAL	2013-2014 Requested Allotment	2013-2014 Allotment	2013-2014 Recommended Allotment
Caldwell CC & TI	\$18,748	\$16,948	\$16,948
Literacy Council of Wake County	\$19,907	\$19,907	\$19,907
Pitt CC	\$19,060	\$17,498	\$17,498
Wilson CC	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Totals:	\$77,715	\$74,353	\$74,353

The following programs applied for grants, but received less than 85 points and were not recommended for funding: Project IDEAL: Central Piedmont CC, Davidson County CC, Forsyth TCC, Haywood CC, Mitchell CC, Rockingham CC, Reading Connections

Comprehensive Family Literacy	2013-2014 Requested Allotment	2013-2014 Allotment	2014-2015 Recommended Allotment
Caldwell CC & TI	\$128,170	\$85,610	\$85,610
Craven CC	\$54,000	\$49,000	\$49,000
Wilkes CC	\$107,353	\$100,401	\$100,401
Totals:	\$289,523	\$235,011	\$235,011

The following programs applied for grants, but received less than 85 points and were not recommended for funding: Comprehensive Family Literacy: Columbus County Literacy, Lenoir CC, Martin CC

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Contextualized Family Literacy	2013-2014 Requested Allotment	2013-2014 Allotment	2014-2015 Recommended Allotment
Caldwell CC & TI	\$31,669	\$20,842	\$20,842
Central Piedmont CC	\$85,278	\$69,570	\$69,570
Gaston Literacy Council	\$58,248	\$50,077	\$50,077
Haywood CC	\$60,387	\$45,171	\$45,171
Piedmont CC	\$110,898	\$37,135	\$37,135
Wilson CC	\$90,061	\$84,810	\$84,810
Totals:	\$436,541	\$307,605	\$307,605

The following programs applied for grants, but received less than 85 points and were not recommended for funding: Contextualized Family Literacy: Blue Ridge CC, Catawba Valley CC, Durham Literacy Council, Lenoir CC, Literacy Council of Wake County, Reading Connections, Sandhills CC, South Piedmont CC

Totals for all grants:	\$1,704,040	\$1,240,553	\$1,240,553
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