

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation to Colleges for Project Skill-UP

Request: The State Board is asked to approve \$200,000 to be allocated to sixteen colleges participating in a grant initiative called Project Skill-UP.

Rationale: Project Skill-UP is a NCCCS initiative whose goal is to help individuals in North Carolina affected by the changes in the tobacco industry “update” their current skills and provide them with additional marketable skills reflective of fast-growing occupations and/or new industries within their local communities. The objectives of the project are to 1) develop and implement outreach and recruitment activities to individuals, communities, businesses, and/or agencies that have been adversely impacted by the changes in the tobacco industry; 2) provide skills assessment and short-term occupational skills training to affected workers; and 3) when applicable, provide financial assistance to students to assist in meeting their educational goals.

The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), through its Continuing Education department, submitted a grant application to the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission for \$375,000. It was announced on October 1, 2014, that NCCCS was awarded \$200,000 to carry out the goals and objectives of the grant application. To date, we have received funding for seven years totaling \$3,408,000.

Method of Allocation: To be eligible for funding, a college must provide services to a county that has been impacted by the decline of tobacco-related employment. There are twenty-five colleges who meet this criteria. Because the funding for Project Skill-UP was reduced significantly, a request for proposals was sent to all of the eligible colleges. A committee reviewed the proposals and 16 of the 24 proposals received were recommend for funding. Below is a list of all sites:

Recommended for Funding

Blue Ridge CC	Rockingham CC
Durham TCC	Sampson CC
Forsyth TCC	Sandhills CC
Johnston CC	Southeastern CC
Lenoir CC	Surry CC
Piedmont CC	Vance-Granville CC
Pitt CC	Wilkes CC
Roanoke-Chowan CC	Wilson CC

Not Recommended

Cape Fear CC
Martin CC
Mayland CC
Montgomery CC
Nash CC
Robeson CC
Wake TCC
Wayne CC

Did not apply: Asheville-Buncombe TCC

Allocation Amount and Time Period: The total allocation to the colleges will cover the period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$200,000. Allocations to the colleges were based on the following criteria:

Project Skill-UP Base -----\$10,000
 Project Skill-UP Base and Expanded Services -----\$15,000 -20,000

College	Allocation
Blue Ridge CC	\$ 10,000
Durham TCC	\$ 15,000
Forsyth TCC	\$ 10,000
Johnston CC	\$ 20,000
Lenoir CC	\$ 20,000
Piedmont CC	\$ 10,000
Pitt CC	\$ 10,000
Roanoke-Chowan	\$ 10,000

College	Allocation
Rockingham CC	\$ 10,000
Sampson CC	\$ 10,000
Sandhills (new)	\$ 10,000
Southeastern CC	\$ 15,000
Surry CC	\$ 20,000
Vance-Granville CC	\$ 10,000
Wilkes CC	\$ 10,000
Wilson CC	\$ 10,000
Total Allocation	\$ 200,000

Fund Source and Availability: The funding for this allocation comes from a grant award to the System Office from the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The time period for the grant is October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016.

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