

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLEGES
Allocations for Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation

Request: The State Board is asked to approve \$143,280 in allocations to 14 community colleges to advance each college's efforts to attain Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Background: In January 2011, the NC Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Child Development Early Education (DCDEE) awarded NCCCS an initial grant of \$54,000 to provide funding for Early Childhood Education Associate Degree programs to pursue or move colleges to the next phase of the process of Early Childhood Education Associate Degree Accreditation (ECADA) through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Fifteen colleges were awarded grants and six of those colleges completed accreditation.

To expand these efforts, NCCCS is currently in the process of administering a second grant from DCDEE for \$120,000 that terminates June 30, 2013, with allocations approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on January 18, 2013 (FC-4).

A third grant of \$200,000 was awarded by DCDEE which will provide funding to continue accreditation efforts through December 31, 2014. NCCCS is administering this project and will allocate \$143,280 directly to colleges and provide supportive services to the colleges through the remaining \$56,720 in grant funds.

The NAEYC accreditation process includes three phases

- Phase I – Eligibility and Self-Study Materials Fee (\$510)
- Phase II – Self-Study Report Submission Fee (\$1,530)
- Phase III – Peer Review Team Visit Expenses (Estimated Cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000)

Colleges' costs, as shown above for Phase I and II, is paid by the System Office from the Grant funds that are set aside for supportive services (\$56,720). The Phase III costs, as listed above, will be paid by the colleges from the funds allocated to them.

The recommended funding for each college is based upon the following:

1. A maximum of \$4,000 for Phase III – Peer Review Team Visit Expenses
2. A maximum of \$7,000 for employee release time (\$3,500 per semester)
3. The amount requested by the Colleges on their proposal (Colleges requesting less than the maximum amount received their requested amount)

Method of Allocation: A request for proposals was developed and sent to all colleges. A total of 29 applications were submitted requesting \$491,842. Twenty-six applications were from non-accredited colleges and three applications requested funds for reaccreditation efforts. Proposals were reviewed by a team of five external (to NCCCS) Early Childhood Education (ECE) professionals, including two faculty/deans from accredited programs, one ECE staff from NCDPI, and two DCDEE staff. Criteria for review included Progress in the Accreditation Process, ECE Student/Faculty Ratio, Timeline, Support Beyond Grant Funding, and Integration with SuccessNC

Initiatives. Reviews were conducted electronically over eight days. All scores were compiled and averaged to determine rank order for the proposals. Based on these rankings, 14 proposals are recommended for funding.

Allocation Amount and Time Period: The total allocation to 14 community colleges is \$143,280 for the period of June 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is available through a grant contract with DCDEE effective from June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

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Colleges Recommended for ECADA Funding					
College	Phase	Amount College Originally Requested	Amount Awarded by SBCC Jan. 2013	Requested Award for (06/01/13-11/30/14)	Total Award
Beaufort County Community College	II & III	18,540	3,500	11,000	14,500
Bladen Community College	II & III	22,500	3,500	11,000	14,500
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	II & III	6,530	0	4,000	4,000
Catawba Valley Community College	II & III	29,320	3,500	11,000	14,500
Cleveland Community College	II & III	19,000	3,500	11,000	14,500
Coastal Carolina Community College	II & III	16,000	3,500	11,000	14,500
Durham Technical Community College	II & III	27,500	3,500	11,000	14,500
Edgecombe Community College	II & III	17,050	3,500	11,000	14,500
Halifax Community College	II & III	27,500	3,500	11,000	14,500
Haywood Community College	II & III	19,000	3,500	11,000	14,500
Johnston Community College	II & III	13,280	3,500	9,780	13,280
Nash Community College	II & III	12,000	3,500	8,500	12,000
Robeson Community College	III	13,000	4,000	0*	4,000
Stanly Community College	II & III	16,770	3,500	11,000	14,500
Southeastern Community College	II & III	16,500	3,500	11,000	14,500
Wake Technical Community College	III	5,000	4,000	0*	4,000
Wayne Community College	III	5,000	4,000	0*	4,000
Total		284,490	57,500	143,280	200,780

*Colleges have already completed grant activities through other grant funds.

Colleges Not Recommended for ECADA Funding			
College	Phase	Amount Requested	Recommended Award
Central Carolina Community College	I, II, & III	22,500	0
College of The Albemarle	I, II, & III	19,340	0
Forsyth Technical Community College	Reaccreditation	6,830	0
Montgomery Community College	I, II, & III	27,000	0
Piedmont Community College	I, II, & III	18,296	0
Pitt Community College	I, II, & III	29,040	0
Randolph Community College	I, II, & III	33,500	0
Rockingham Community College	Reaccreditation	9,306	0
Tri-County Community College	I, II, & III	15,030	0
Vance-Granville Community College	Reaccreditation	10,500	0
Wilkes Community College	II & III	15,500	0
Wilson Community College	I	510	0
Total		207,352	0