

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

Request: The State Board is asked to approve \$57,500 in allocations to 16 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 has been awarded a second grant of \$120,000 by DCDEE. NCCCS is administering this project and will allocate \$57,500 directly to colleges and provide supportive services to the colleges through the remaining \$62,500 in grant funds.

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, 16 proposals are recommended for funding.

The accreditation process consists of three phases. Colleges in Phases I and II are recommended to receive \$3,500 for release time and colleges in Phase III are recommended to receive \$4,000 for site visit expenses.

Allocation Amount and Time Period: The total allocation to 16 community colleges is \$57,500 for the period of October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is available through a grant contract with DCDEE effective from September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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Colleges Recommended for ECADA Funding			
College	Phase	Amount Requested	Recommended Award
Beaufort County Community College	I & II	18,540	3,500
Bladen Community College	I & II	22,500	3,500
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	II	6,530	0*
Catawba Valley Community College	I & II	29,320	3,500
Cleveland Community College	I & II	19,000	3,500
Coastal Carolina Community College	II	16,000	3,500
Durham Technical Community College	II	27,500	3,500
Edgecombe Community College	II	17,050	3,500
Halifax Community College	II	27,500	3,500
Haywood Community College	I & II	19,000	3,500
Johnston Community College	II	13,280	3,500
Nash Community College	I & II	12,000	3,500
Robeson Community College	III	13,000	4,000
Stanly Community College	II	16,770	3,500
Southeastern Community College	II	16,500	3,500
Wake Technical Community College	III	5,000	4,000
Wayne Community College	III	5,000	4,000
Total		284,490	57,500

*College did not request funds for release time during the time period covered by this grant but will still participate in the project.

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