

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocations for Accelerating Opportunity Continuation Funds

Request: The State Board is asked to approve \$ 217,058 to eight community colleges (Blue Ridge Community College, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Central Piedmont Community College, College of The Albemarle, Davidson County Community College, South Piedmont, Wake Tech, and Wilkes Community College).

Background: North Carolina was one of four original states awarded the Accelerating Opportunity initiative in November 2011. This initiative focused on educational strategies such as integrated instruction (Basic Skills and occupational), comprehensive student support, internal and external partnerships. These strategies are designed to provide Basic Skills students who are enrolled in approved career pathways the credentials and skills training needed to become employed and earn a sustainable living wage. These eight funded community colleges were selected for the initiative and are a part of the overall Basic Skills Plus Program.

The participating colleges have achieved notable accomplishments within the initiative. North Carolina withdrew from the national Accelerating Opportunity initiative effective June 30, 2013 because it was determined that our state could not fulfill the recommended number of credentials and would not be able to implement the required policy priorities during the course of the initiative.

Rationale: As part of the implementation requirements for Accelerating Opportunity, these colleges have recruited students, developed career pathways, assigned instructors and negotiated course offerings for enrolled students through December 2013. To fulfill these student's needs we are requesting funds from the Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant to cover salary costs that are needed to continue the program through December 31, 2013. This allows the participating colleges to fulfill their commitment to the students who have been enrolled in the targeted career pathways and will help ensure that their progress toward credential attainment and employment are supported.

Method of Allocation: The allocations are based on an estimate of salary costs for the six month period (July – December 2013).

Allocation Amount and Time Period: \$ 217,058 for July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is available from the Workforce Investment Act, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act by the US Department of Education; the State Leadership monies from this grant will fund this project.

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Continuation of Accelerating Opportunity Concepts

College	Total Budget Expenses, July 1, 2013– December 31, 2013
Blue Ridge CC	\$24,000
Caldwell CC	\$30,000
Central Piedmont CC	\$3,127
College of the Albermarle	\$32,000
Davidson County CC	\$27,931
South Piedmont CC	\$40,000
Wake TCC	\$30,000
Wilkes CC(Caldwell Consortium)	\$30,000
Total	\$217,058

Total Period Ending December 2013

\$217,058