

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation for CTE Leadership Grants – Career Pathways

Request: The State Board is asked to approve \$700,000 in allocations to 20 community colleges to advance each colleges efforts in developing NCWorks Career Pathway Programs for the period of November 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Background: The purpose of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins) is to make the United States more competitive in the world economy by developing more fully the academic and technical skills of students who elect to engage in Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs. Perkins state leadership funds seek examples and strategies of career pathway programs where secondary and postsecondary CTE programs work with employers and workforce development boards to educate, train, and place individuals in the workforce.

NCWorks Career Pathways will be rigorous programs of study (grades 9-14), designed for students and working learners. Pathways integrate academic and technical coursework that is taught in a contextual manner offering a sequence of coursework or training modules, leading to opportunities for certificates and credentials with workplace value that may facilitate multiple entry and exit points while individuals work toward a diploma or AAS degree. Key to pathway success is engaged employers, multiple work based learning experiences, strong career advising, coordination with workforce development boards, and integration with employer intermediaries.

Method of Allocation: Requests for proposals were sent to all college presidents, chief academic officers, Perkins contacts, and local workforce development board directors. Thirty-two (32) proposals were received from 32 colleges. Each proposal was evaluated by a team of at least five impartial individuals from the Department of Public Instruction, CTE Section, the Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Solutions, and North Carolina Community College System Office familiar with CTE and or Workforce Development using the following process.

Proposals were evaluated using a proposal review rubric to evaluate the college commitment to secondary and postsecondary partnerships, employer identified need, an identified workforce strategy, and commitment to share best practices. A cut score was established as a minimum threshold for selection. For equitable distribution of funds, colleges were ranked into two categories, based on the number of students enrolled in CTE programs at the college and receiving Pell grants. This ensures, when practical, that the distribution of grant recipients reflects a balance of large and small college participants. Projects supported by these grants will be administered through the CTE Section of NCCCS, in cooperation with CTE Section of North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions. Twenty (20) colleges are recommended for awards (see the chart below for funding recommendations).

Allocation Amount and Time Period: The initial allocation to 20 colleges is \$700,000 for a period of November 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. A second allocation of \$700,000 is anticipated for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and will be based on availability of federal funding and satisfactory progress by each college.

Funding Source and Availability: Funding is available through Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

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Colleges Recommended for Funding	Award Amount
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	\$35,000
Brunswick Community College	\$35,000
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	\$35,000
Carteret Community College	\$35,000
Catawba Valley Community College	\$35,000
Central Carolina Community College	\$35,000
Central Piedmont Community College	\$35,000
Durham Technical Community College	\$35,000
Edgecombe Community College	\$35,000
Fayetteville Technical Community College	\$35,000
Halifax Community College	\$35,000
Haywood Community College	\$35,000
Lenoir Community College	\$35,000
Nash Community College	\$35,000
Pamlico Community College	\$35,000
Piedmont Community College	\$35,000
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	\$35,000
Rockingham Community College	\$35,000
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	\$35,000
Vance-Granville Community College	\$35,000
Total	\$700,000

Colleges Not Recommended for Funding
Alamance Community College
Cape Fear Community College
Davidson County Community College
Forsyth Technical Community College
Johnston Community College
Martin Community College
Montgomery Community College
Pitt Community College
Randolph Community College
Robeson Community College
Southeastern Community College
Wake Technical Community College