

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
State Board Reserve Funding for Law Enforcement Officer Training

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) is asked to approve up to \$100,000 from State Board Reserve to fund the development of additional training on topics such as de-escalation, relationship-based policing, and community interaction.

Background: Law enforcement officer training is offered at community colleges across the state to meet the workforce training needs. Instruction includes both basic law enforcement training (BLET) and ongoing continuing education. The requirements of that training are set by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the NC Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission; however colleges have the opportunity to provide additional training to respond to agency, local, and regional needs.

In consultation with the NC Department of Justice, the System Office is seeking faculty development to provide training and related instructional content to expand training available to the state's law enforcement officers.

Rationale: NC community colleges provide education to the vast majority of the state's law enforcement officers, either through basic law enforcement training, in-service training, or both. Providing rigorous training on topics such as de-escalation, relationship-based policing, and community interaction will allow colleges to provide broad access to the latest training and methods, ensuring that North Carolina's law enforcement officers have the tools and training necessary to engage effectively within their communities.

Providing access to resources and 'train-the-trainer' opportunities to all 58 community colleges increases consistency in training across the state and supports colleges in addressing needs across all North Carolina communities.

Budget: The final cost of the work has not been determined, but the Board is asked to approve up to \$100,000 for this project.

Fund Source and Availability: Up to \$57,730 is available from FY 2019-20 State Board Reserve through June 30, 2020. Any expenditures after June 30, 2020 will be funded from the FY 2020-21 State Board Reserve, so long as the total does not exceed \$100,000. At the discretion of the System President, should he determine it to be the most efficient method to provide this training to colleges statewide, Wake Technical Community College may be allocated any portion of these funds, at a date to be determined by the President.

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