

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Allocation for Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 – Part II**  
**FY2024-25**

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve an allocation of \$16,700,000 to fourteen community colleges impacted by Hurricane Helene, and to establish a \$50,000 fund to be retained by the System Office.

**Background:** On October 24, 2024, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2024-53, the Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 – Part II. This act applies to the North Carolina counties designated under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Helene. Funding for community colleges was provided in three sections of this bill.

- Section 4A.3 provides funding for tuition and registration fee grants for the Spring Semester of 2025 at community colleges designated most or medium impacted. The following colleges were identified as eligible to participate in the program: Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Haywood Community College, Mayland Community College, McDowell Technical Community College, and Western Piedmont Community College. The total allocation for this portion of the bill was \$5,000,000.
- Section 4A.6 provides funding for emergency scholarship grants for postsecondary students. The following colleges were identified as affected institutions of higher education: Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Catawba Valley Community College, Cleveland Community College, Gaston College, Haywood Community College, Isothermal Community College, Mayland Community College, McDowell Technical Community College, Southwestern Community College, Tri-County Community College, Western Piedmont Community College, and Wilkes Community College. The total allocation for this portion of the bill was \$10,500,000. \$50,000 of these funds will be retained by the System Office for impacted students who chose to attend another community college.
- While not addressed in the bill text, the Committee Report for this bill provided funding for expanded mental health support for affected community college students. The following colleges were identified as affected institutions of higher education: Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Catawba Valley Community College, Cleveland Community College, Gaston College, Haywood Community College, Isothermal Community College, Mayland Community College, McDowell Technical Community College, Southwestern Community College, Tri-County Community College, Western Piedmont Community College, and Wilkes Community College. The total allocation for this portion of the bill was \$1,250,000.

**Rationale:** The State Board is requested to approve allocations to the 14 community colleges located in a county designated under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) eligible for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance Categories A and B or A-G as a result of Hurricane Helene. The System Office has retained \$50,000 to support emergency scholarship grant applications submitted by eligible students enrolled at any other community college and who as of September 26, 2024, resided temporarily or permanently, in a county designated under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Helene.

**Method of Allocation:** Colleges were categorized based on level of impact. Level 1 colleges were determined to be the most impacted and level 2 colleges were determined to be moderately impacted. The legislation directed that 100% of the available funding under Section 4A.3 go to the 6 most impacted colleges. Funding under Section 4A.6 and Mental Health Support funding were distributed with level 1 colleges receiving 80% of the available and level 2 colleges receiving 20%. The prior year's headcount was used to allocate funding within each category.

#### **Section 4A.3 Tuition and Registration Fee Grant Allocations**

<b>College</b>	<b>Impact Category</b>	<b>Amount of Funding</b>
Asheville-Buncombe CC	1	\$1,956,088
Blue Ridge CC	1	1,051,315
Haywood CC	1	439,532
Mayland CC	1	364,709
McDowell TCC	1	553,666
Western Piedmont CC	1	634,690
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,000,000</b>

#### **Section 4A.6 Emergency Scholarship Grants**

<b>College</b>	<b>Impact Category</b>	<b>Amount of Funding</b>
Asheville-Buncombe CC	1	\$3,270,578
Blue Ridge CC	1	1,757,799
Haywood CC	1	734,897
Mayland CC	1	609,794
McDowell TCC	1	925,730
Western Piedmont CC	1	1,061,202
Caldwell T&CC	2	266,124
Catawba Valley CC	2	367,516
Cleveland CC	2	254,120
Gaston	2	471,294

Isothermal CC	2	165,696
Southwestern CC	2	221,883
Tri-County CC	2	93,844
Wilkes CC	2	249,523
System Office		50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,500,000</b>

**Money Report: Mental Health Support**

<b>College</b>	<b>Impact Category</b>	<b>Amount of Funding</b>
Asheville-Buncombe CC	1	\$391,218
Blue Ridge CC	1	210,263
Haywood CC	1	87,906
Mayland CC	1	72,942
McDowell TCC	1	110,733
Western Piedmont CC	1	126,938
Caldwell T&CC	2	31,833
Catawba Valley CC	2	43,961
Cleveland CC	2	30,397
Gaston	2	56,376
Isothermal CC	2	19,820
Southwestern CC	2	26,541
Tri-County CC	2	11,225
Wilkes CC	2	29,847
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,250,000</b>

Consistent with 1H SBCC 200.1, if a college voluntarily forgoes an amount of its approved allocation because it is not able to fully expend the funds and other colleges have a need for those funds, the System Office can reallocate these funds to any college with an identified unmet need.

**Allocation Amount and Time Period:** The allocation of funding is for the period of November 15, 2024 until June 30, 2025.

**Fund Source and Availability:** These funds are available from the appropriation in S.L. 2024-53.

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