## STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES Reallocation for Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 – Part II FY2025-26

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve an extension of the FY24-25 allocation of \$1,154,605 to the system office and thirteen community colleges impacted by Hurricane Helene.

<u>Background</u>: On October 24, 2024, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2024-53, the *Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 – Part II* (SL 2024-25). The initial allocation approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on November 15, 2024, established a spending deadline of June 30, 2025. Given that Session Law 2024-53 authorizes expenditures through beyond 2025, the State Board is now requested to extend the spending deadline by an additional two years. Of the total allocation of \$1,154,605 an amount of \$297,675 will be designated for activities authorized under Section 4A.6, while \$856,930 will support the expansion of mental health services.

- Section 4A.6 provides funding for emergency scholarship grants for postsecondary students. The following colleges had unused \$127,848 emergency scholarship grant funds at the end of FY2024-25: Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Mayland Community College, Southwestern Community College. An additional \$169,827 of these funds was retained by the System Office for impacted students who chose to attend another community college. The total reallocation request for 4A.6 funds is \$297,675.
- SL 2024-53 also allocated funding for expanded mental health support for affected community college students. The following colleges had unused emergency scholarship grant funds at the end of FY2024-25: Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Cleveland Community College, Gaston College, Haywood Community College, Isothermal Community College, McDowell Technical Community College, Southwestern Community College, Tri-County Community College, Western Piedmont Community College, and Wilkes Community College. The total reallocation request for expanded mental health support funds to the listed colleges is \$856,930.

<u>Rationale</u>: The State Board is requested to approve reallocations to the system office and the thirteen community colleges that have unspent emergency scholarship grants and mental health support funds through S.L. 2024-53, the Disaster Recovery Act of 2024.

<u>Method of Allocation</u>: Each college is allocated an amount equivalent to its unspent funds from FY2024–25.

**Emergency Scholarship Grants** 

College	Impact Category	Amount of Funding
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	1	\$2,305
Blue Ridge CC	1	39,168
Caldwell CC and TI	2	353
Mayland CC	2	1,993
Southwestern CC	2	84,029
System Office		169,827
TOTAL		\$297,675

**Money Report: Mental Health Support** 

	Impact	
College	Category	<b>Amount of Funding</b>
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	1	\$361,793
Blue Ridge CC	1	181,717
Caldwell T&CC	2	1,237
Cleveland CC	2	31,505
Gaston	2	124
Haywood CC	1	26,639
Isothermal CC	2	839
McDowell TCC	1	81,108
Southwestern CC	2	27,508
Tri-County CC	2	11,634
Western Piedmont CC	1	120,665
Wilkes CC	2	12,161
Total		\$856,930

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.

<u>Allocation Amount and Time Period:</u> The allocation of funding is for the period from July 1, 2025, until June 30, 2027.

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

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