

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation of Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)
Section 231 FY 2025-2026

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) is requested to approve \$14,420,996 in funding for 66 eligible providers for the purpose of adult education and literacy activities in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Section 231.

Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 4: Economic and Workforce Development Provide education, training, and credentials to develop the most competitive and agile workforce in the nation.
 Strategy: 4.1

Background: In January 2021, the North Carolina Office of Adult Education opened a grant competition to eligible providers as required by WIOA Title I, §463.20. An RFP was issued to receive applications for a four-year grant award cycle for the 2021-22 through 2024-25 fiscal years. Continuation grant applications for the second year of funding were submitted by March 1, 2024. Continuation grant applications were reviewed on several criteria required by federal law and all 66 applicants met the criteria. Section 231 funding is available for an eligible provider soliciting funding for Adult Education programs sponsored by the North Carolina Community Colleges System (NCCCS) to enable the provider to develop, implement and improve adult education and literacy activities within the State.

Method of Allocation: Title II WIOA funds for AEFLA are distributed by the NCCCS according to a formula adopted by the SBCC on February 16, 2018, and amended on June 8, 2018. These funds are intended to supplement an organization's adult education activities. The formula has 3 components:

1. **Base:** 15% of available funding is allocated equally across providers. The base component is available to all providers.
2. **Access:** 50% of available funding is allocated for access. Access is determined by contact hours of participants within 3 weighted tiers:
 - Tier A** – Weight 5: Beginning Adult Basic Education Literacy, Beginning Adult Basic Education, Beginning English as a Second Language (ESL) Literacy, Beginning ESL
 - Tier B** - Weight 4: Low Intermediate ESL, High Intermediate ESL, Low Advanced ESL, High Advanced ESL, Low Intermediate Adult Basic Education, High Intermediate Adult Basic Education
 - Tier C** – Weight 3: Adult Secondary Education Low, Adult Secondary Education High The access component is available only to providers who have submitted 2023-2024 data.
3. **Performance:** 35% of available funding is allocated for performance. Performance allocations are determined by the number and percentage of basic skills participant periods of participation with a Measurable Skill Gains (MSGs). (Under federal regulations, a period of participation begins when a participant enters the program and does not end until a participant exits the program. If a student has 12 or more contact hours during this time, the student is classified as a participant within a period of participation. Measurable skills gains are required by WIOA and are used to demonstrate participants' progress toward achieving a credential or employment. The performance component is available only to providers who have submitted 2023-2024 data.

Infrastructure Agreement Cost Sharing Agreement: All required One-Stop partners, including WIOA Title II providers, must contribute to the infrastructure costs of the local One-Stop delivery system. In North Carolina, the Community College System follows the Local Funding Mechanism as outlined in 34 CFR 463.715 through 463.730. Under this framework, local partners, including Title II providers, work collaboratively to negotiate and reach mutual agreement on key elements: each partner's contribution to infrastructure costs, the proportionality of those contributions based on the relative benefit or use of the One-Stop system by each program, and the timing and method of payments. Title II providers are expected to contribute at least 1.5 percent of their administrative funds to Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA) costs, with a maximum contribution of 5 percent. This cooperative process ensures that the cost-sharing approach is fair, transparent, and aligned with federal regulations.

Title II, AEFLA, Section 231 Grant Award Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026			
Providers	2025-26 Allocation (Including Administrative)	5% Administrative	WIOA Infrastructure (1.5% of Admin)
Alamance CC	\$415,782	\$ 20,789	\$ 312
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	356,344	17,817	267
Beaufort County CC	166,883	8,344	125
Bladen CC	81,082	4,054	61
Blue Ridge CC	166,686	8,334	125
Brunswick CC	255,832	12,792	192
Burke County Literacy	36,683	1,834	28
Caldwell CC and TI	154,031	7,702	116
Cape Fear CC	282,868	14,143	212
Carteret CC	130,695	6,535	98
Catawba Valley CC	229,772	11,489	172
Central Carolina CC	400,808	20,040	301
Central Piedmont CC	1,134,017	56,701	851
Cleveland CC	87,828	4,391	66
Coastal Carolina CC	251,111	12,556	188
College of The Albemarle	88,477	4,424	66
Craven CC	178,803	8,940	134
Craven Literacy Council	35,812	1,791	27
Davidson-Davie CC	295,299	14,765	221
Durham Literacy Center	48,001	2,400	36
Durham TCC	272,276	13,614	204
Edgecombe CC	133,320	6,666	100
Fayetteville TCC	617,559	30,878	463
Forsyth TCC	305,935	15,297	229
Gaston College	253,759	12,688	190
Guilford TCC	572,831	28,642	430
Halifax CC	69,850	3,493	52
Haywood CC	54,484	2,724	41
Isothermal CC	79,633	3,982	60

James Sprunt CC	79,650	3,983	60
Johnston CC	192,320	9,616	144
Lenoir CC	260,006	13,000	195
Literacy Together	67,502	3,375	51
Martin CC	75,440	3,772	57
Mayland CC	153,149	7,657	115
McDowell TCC	170,802	8,540	128
Mitchell CC	190,272	9,514	143
Montgomery CC	61,016	3,051	46
Moore County Literacy	34,252	1,713	26
Nash CC	132,813	6,641	100
Orange County Literacy	57,930	2,897	43
Pamlico CC	77,056	3,853	58
Piedmont CC	63,199	3,160	47
Pitt CC	266,688	13,334	200
Randolph CC	253,730	12,687	190
Reading Connections, Inc.	78,819	3,941	59
Richmond CC	209,683	10,484	157
Roanoke Chowan CC	87,318	4,366	65
Robeson CC	262,401	13,120	197
Rockingham CC	87,514	4,376	66
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	401,632	20,082	301
Sampson CC	323,967	16,198	243
Sandhills CC	164,740	8,237	124
South Piedmont CC	333,664	16,683	250
Southeastern CC	229,418	11,471	172
Southwestern CC	110,762	5,538	83
Stanly CC	171,613	8,581	129
Surry CC	185,647	9,282	139
Tri-County CC	97,140	4,857	73
Vance-Granville CC	88,267	4,413	66
Wake TCC	1,488,935	74,444	1,116
Wayne CC	311,896	15,595	234
Western Piedmont CC	155,445	7,772	117
Wilkes CC	150,225	7,511	113
Wilson CC	102,361	5,118	77
YMCA Literacy Initiative	87,263	4,363	65
Total	\$14,420,996	\$ 721,050	\$ 10,816

Allocation Amount & Time Period: The total allocation for Section 231 is \$14,420,996 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is available from the award from the United States Department of Education Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Section 231.

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