

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Targeted Assistance and Less Than Half-Time Grant Program
FY 2026-27

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve \$550,000 in awards to the NC Community Colleges for the Targeted Assistance and Less Than Half-Time Grant Program.

Strategic Plan Reference(s): Goal 2 Enrollment

Invest in each North Carolina Community College to develop and actively use a Strategic Management Plan that addresses student recruitment, retention, and completion. Strategy 2.1.2

Background: According to G.S. 115D-40.1(b), the "... State Board may provide financial assistance to the following students:

- (1) Students who enroll in low-enrollment programs that prepare students for high-demand occupations.
- (2) Students with disabilities who have been referred by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and are enrolled in a community college.
- (3) Students enrolled in fewer than six credit hours per semester who otherwise qualify for need-based financial aid programs."

In May 2002, the State Board of Community Colleges made available an annual allocation of \$500,000 for the Targeted Assistance Program for students enrolled full-time in all 58 community colleges. In July 2003, the State Board increased the availability by an additional \$262,806 and included a provision to award these funds to students enrolled in less than half-time. In July 2011, the State Board consolidated the two programs into one program and reduced the total funding to \$550,000.

Rationale: The General Assembly appropriates an amount annually from the Escheat Fund to support financial assistance for community college students. Much of this appropriation supports the Next North Carolina (NC) Scholarship Program. Based on an analysis of funding availability and projected Next North Carolina Scholarship awards, \$550,000 is available in FY 2026-27. According to the college priorities and community needs, this allocation can be used to offer financial assistance for students who (1) enroll in low-enrollment programs that prepare students for high-demand occupations; (2) have disabilities and have been referred by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; or (3) enroll on a less than half-time basis. Each college is allocated a base amount of \$1000. The remaining funds are allocated on a pro-rata basis as determined by each college's percentage of total 2024-25 Pell Grant disbursements.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is contingent on FY 2026-27 Escheat Fund appropriations from the General Assembly.

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Community Colleges	Base Allotment	2024-2025 Federal Pell Grant Disbursements	Percent of Pell Grant	Awards Based on Percent of Total Disbursements	Total College Awards
Alamance CC	\$1,000	\$8,740,825	1.8%	\$8,819	\$9,819
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	1,000	9,278,193	1.9%	9,695	10,695
Beaufort County CC	1,000	3,694,292	0.8%	4,045	5,045
Bladen CC	1,000	3,822,383	0.8%	3,894	4,894
Blue Ridge CC	1,000	4,686,335	1.0%	5,011	6,011
Brunswick CC	1,000	3,841,250	0.8%	4,043	5,043
Caldwell CC and TI	1,000	7,235,887	1.5%	7,819	8,819
Cape Fear CC	1,000	16,905,000	3.5%	17,849	18,849
Carteret CC	1,000	3,943,594	0.8%	4,282	5,282
Catawba Valley CC	1,000	8,030,357	1.7%	8,014	9,014
Central Carolina CC	1,000	9,873,404	2.0%	10,220	11,220
Central Piedmont CC	1,000	39,843,630	8.2%	38,848	39,848
Cleveland CC	1,000	6,944,650	1.4%	7,533	8,533
Coastal Carolina CC	1,000	10,747,827	2.2%	9,059	10,059
College of The Albemarle	1,000	3,191,003	0.7%	3,267	4,267
Craven CC	1,000	6,130,350	1.3%	6,391	7,391
Davidson Davie CC	1,000	9,784,489	2.0%	9,416	10,416
Durham TCC	1,000	10,932,222	2.3%	10,669	11,669
Edgecombe CC	1,000	4,914,718	1.0%	5,380	6,380
Fayetteville TCC	1,000	35,116,074	7.2%	35,525	36,525
Forsyth TCC	1,000	24,925,542	5.1%	24,169	25,169
Gaston College	1,000	10,335,768	2.1%	10,700	11,700
Guilford TCC	1,000	33,003,827	6.8%	32,223	33,223
Halifax CC	1,000	2,064,019	0.4%	2,224	3,224
Haywood CC	1,000	2,658,195	0.5%	2,674	3,674
Isothermal CC	1,000	5,202,103	1.1%	5,427	6,427
James Sprunt CC	1,000	3,544,293	0.7%	4,079	5,079
Johnston CC	1,000	8,944,699	1.8%	7,786	8,786
Lenoir CC	1,000	5,581,430	1.1%	5,556	6,556
Martin CC	1,000	1,201,802	0.2%	1,414	2,414
Mayland CC	1,000	1,274,869	0.3%	1,543	2,543
McDowell TCC	1,000	2,436,030	0.5%	2,485	3,485
Mitchell CC	1,000	5,698,905	1.2%	5,246	6,246
Montgomery CC	1,000	1,704,845	0.4%	1,807	2,807
Nash CC	1,000	5,972,306	1.2%	5,692	6,692
Pamlico CC	1,000	501,867	0.1%	649	1,649

Piedmont CC	1,000	2,585,743	0.5%	2,640	3,640
Pitt CC	1,000	19,915,703	4.1%	21,714	22,714
Randolph CC	1,000	5,393,539	1.1%	6,182	7,182
Richmond CC	1,000	5,062,186	1.0%	5,378	6,378
Roanoke-Chowan CC	1,000	1,106,961	0.2%	1,771	2,771
Robeson CC	1,000	6,932,521	1.4%	7,167	8,167
Rockingham CC	1,000	2,953,313	0.6%	3,282	4,282
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	1,000	11,091,103	2.3%	11,942	12,942
Sampson CC	1,000	4,625,292	1.0%	5,216	6,216
Sandhills CC	1,000	8,080,260	1.7%	7,969	8,969
South Piedmont CC	1,000	4,469,476	0.9%	3,779	4,779
Southeastern CC	1,000	3,722,172	0.8%	4,232	5,232
Southwestern CC	1,000	3,999,104	0.8%	4,202	5,202
Stanly CC	1,000	4,942,588	1.0%	5,037	6,037
Surry CC	1,000	5,057,216	1.0%	5,287	6,287
Tri-County CC	1,000	2,291,620	0.5%	2,399	3,399
Vance-Granville CC	1,000	5,346,068	1.1%	5,541	6,541
Wake TCC	1,000	44,854,118	9.2%	43,380	44,380
Wayne CC	1,000	7,613,653	1.6%	7,581	8,581
Western Piedmont CC	1,000	4,088,619	0.8%	4,451	5,451
Wilkes CC	1,000	5,194,584	1.1%	5,570	6,570
Wilson CC	1,000	3,571,013	0.7%	3,827	4,827
TOTAL	\$58,000	\$485,603,835	100.0%	\$492,000	\$550,000

Note: Targeted Assistance and Less Than Half-Time Grant funding is calculated by dividing total Federal Pell Grant disbursements for all community colleges (\$485,603,835) by the number of disbursements by each college. This percentage is used to distribute \$492,000, and an additional \$1000 base amount added to each college's distribution for student awards.