

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation for Finish Line Grants
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) is requested to approve the allocation of \$1,500,000 to support the Finish Line Grants (FLG) program.

Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 3: Student Success Objectives and Strategies
Promote a safe, healthy, and resilient learning environment.
Strategy: 3.3.2

Background: There is an appropriation from the General Fund of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to the North Carolina Community College System for allocation to the NC Finish Line Grants program.

Rationale: Appropriation to fund the FLG program. The FLG program awards eligible students up to \$1,000 per semester (Fall/Spring/Summer), up to a maximum of \$2,000 per fiscal year, for an unanticipated financial hardship.

These grants may help cover costs such as transportation, childcare or dependent care, housing assistance, utility bills (including internet), and medical needs (including accommodations for individuals with disabilities).

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a North Carolina community college and in good academic standing as defined by the college. Career and College Readiness (CCR), Career and College Promise (CCP), and Adult High School students are not eligible for the FLG Program.

Each community college that participates in the FLG program will receive a base award of \$12,000 plus additional funding based on the 2025-26 budget FTE. The System Office maintains \$60,000 for administrative costs to fund the part-time Finish Line grants Coordinator. The System Office will retain a balance of \$362,960 to reallocate to colleges upon request once the college has expended its allocated funding. If a college does not participate in the program or projects unexpended funds, their available funds will be redistributed to participating colleges. The System President will have the authority to reallocate funds as needed during the program year to ensure full utilization of funds.

Recommended college allocations are included in Table 1.

Table 1: Recommended Finish Line Grants College Allocations

College	Base Award	BFTE	BFTE Award	Total Award
Alamance CC	\$12,000	4,889	\$7,333	\$19,333
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	\$12,000	5,906	\$8,859	\$20,859
Beaufort County CC	\$12,000	2,270	\$3,405	\$15,405
Bladen CC	\$12,000	1,432	\$2,148	\$14,148
Blue Ridge CC	\$12,000	2,709	\$4,064	\$16,064
Brunswick CC	\$12,000	2,653	\$3,979	\$15,979
Caldwell CC and TI	\$12,000	4,153	\$6,230	\$18,230
Cape Fear CC	\$12,000	10,195	\$15,292	\$27,292
Carteret CC	\$12,000	1,952	\$2,928	\$14,928
Catawba Valley CC	\$12,000	5,467	\$8,201	\$20,201
Central Carolina CC	\$12,000	5,702	\$8,554	\$20,554
Central Piedmont CC	\$12,000	20,555	\$30,833	\$42,833
Cleveland CC	\$12,000	3,771	\$5,657	\$17,657
Coastal Carolina CC	\$12,000	4,226	\$6,339	\$18,339
College of The Albemarle	\$12,000	3,001	\$4,501	\$16,501
Craven CC	\$12,000	3,439	\$5,158	\$17,158
Davidson-Davie CC	\$12,000	4,536	\$6,805	\$18,805
Durham TCC	\$12,000	5,746	\$8,618	\$20,618
Edgecombe CC	\$12,000	1,864	\$2,796	\$14,796
Fayetteville TCC	\$12,000	13,030	\$19,545	\$31,545
Forsyth TCC	\$12,000	9,148	\$13,721	\$25,721
Gaston College	\$12,000	5,853	\$8,780	\$20,780
Guilford TCC	\$12,000	12,382	\$18,573	\$30,573
Halifax CC	\$12,000	1,117	\$1,675	\$13,675
Haywood CC	\$12,000	1,402	\$2,104	\$14,104
Isothermal CC	\$12,000	2,193	\$3,290	\$15,290
James Sprunt CC	\$12,000	2,268	\$3,402	\$15,402
Johnston CC	\$12,000	5,309	\$7,963	\$19,963
Lenoir CC	\$12,000	4,110	\$6,165	\$18,165
Martin CC	\$12,000	944	\$1,415	\$13,415
Mayland CC	\$12,000	1,173	\$1,759	\$13,759
McDowell TCC	\$12,000	1,670	\$2,504	\$14,504
Mitchell CC	\$12,000	3,616	\$5,424	\$17,424
Montgomery CC	\$12,000	1,150	\$1,725	\$13,725
Nash CC	\$12,000	2,871	\$4,306	\$16,306
Pamlico CC	\$12,000	634	\$951	\$12,951

College	Base Award	BFTE	BFTE Award	Total Award
Piedmont CC	\$12,000	1,836	\$2,754	\$14,754
Pitt CC	\$12,000	7,653	\$11,480	\$23,480
Randolph CC	\$12,000	2,988	\$4,481	\$16,481
Richmond CC	\$12,000	3,013	\$4,520	\$16,520
Roanoke-Chowan CC	\$12,000	836	\$1,254	\$13,254
Robeson CC	\$12,000	3,570	\$5,356	\$17,356
Rockingham CC	\$12,000	1,823	\$2,734	\$14,734
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	\$12,000	7,434	\$11,151	\$23,151
Sampson CC	\$12,000	2,387	\$3,581	\$15,581
Sandhills CC	\$12,000	4,223	\$6,335	\$18,335
South Piedmont CC	\$12,000	3,892	\$5,839	\$17,839
Southeastern CC	\$12,000	2,154	\$3,231	\$15,231
Southwestern CC	\$12,000	2,670	\$4,005	\$16,005
Stanly CC	\$12,000	2,828	\$4,241	\$16,241
Surry CC	\$12,000	3,034	\$4,551	\$16,551
Tri-County CC	\$12,000	1,325	\$1,987	\$13,987
Vance-Granville CC	\$12,000	2,925	\$4,388	\$16,388
Wake TCC	\$12,000	25,282	\$37,924	\$49,924
Wayne CC	\$12,000	3,681	\$5,521	\$17,521
Western Piedmont CC	\$12,000	2,004	\$3,006	\$15,006
Wilkes CC	\$12,000	3,065	\$4,598	\$16,598
Wilson CC	\$12,000	2,068	\$3,101	\$15,101
	\$1,160,000	254,027	\$381,040	\$1,077,040
System Office Administrative Use				\$60,000
Reserved for Future Allocation				\$362,960
			Total Allocation	\$1,500,000

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is appropriated from the General Fund. The award period is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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