

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Grants Update

Background: This report provides an update on the status of current grants and identifies upcoming grant prospects and priorities for NCCCS. The grants listed here include only those for which the System Office is the fiscal agent, which excludes grants and funding being secured with System Office staff support for which the System Foundation or colleges are the fiscal agents. This document is for information and does not require any action from the Board.

Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 5: System Funding and Effectiveness

Redefine System Office support for colleges by implementing strategies that improve functional services based on college size and requirements. Identify services that are most effectively provided statewide, regionally, or at the college level. Strategy 5.3.1

Board Snapshot: The first chart below shows all active grants for the System Office sorted by Grant Time Frame. The grants with the nearest end date are shown first. Below are a couple of grants to actively monitor.

- NC Department of Public Instruction/US Department of Education (Perkins Grant) - There continues to be uncertainty at the federal level related to these grants being funded at the same level as previous years.
- Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFLA) – There continues to be uncertainty at the federal level related to these grants being funded at the same level as previous years.

The last chart shows information about potential grants in our grant pipeline.

Active Grants

Grant Funder/Grant Name	Source	Grant Award	Remaining Balance as of 06/30/21		% Spent	Award Dates	Owner/Finance	Criticality*	Renewal**	Risk***
SHEEO - SOVA	Private	20,000	-	100.00%	10/1/23-02/28/26	Andrea Crowley/Elizabeth Heath	1	1	1	
Apprenticeship Building America (ABA)	Federal	4,000,000	1,130,799	71.73%	7/1/22-6/30/26	Chris Harrington/ Janice Goodman-Long	5	1	5	
Gear Up Apprenticeship	Federal Pass thru UNC	220,000	52,187	76.28%	7/1/24-08/22/26	Chris Harrington/ Janice Goodman-Long	5	2	4	
Gear Up Career Coach	Federal Pass thru UNC	327,740	60,261	81.61%	7/1/24-08/22/26	Chris Harrington/ Janice Goodman-Long	4	3	4	
UNC-G - Evaluation of Career & College Promise	Federal Pass thru UNC-G	603,628	52,293	91.34%	7/1/19-6/30/26	Bill Schneider/Elizabeth Heath	4	1	3	
Golden LEAF Scholarships	Private	3,000,000	462,087	84.60%	7/1/25-6/30/26	Brenda Burgess/ Elizabeth Heath	4	5	4	
Partnership to Advance Youth (PAYA) New America-Year 4	Private	100,000	97,407	2.59%	3/31/25-9/30/26	Chris Harrington/ Janice Goodman-Long	2	3	1	
NC Department of Public Instruction/US Dept of Education	Federal Pass thru DPI	16,244,107	4,119,087	74.64%	7/1/25-9/30/26	Robert Van Dyke/ Elizabeth Heath	5	5	5	
DHHS More Than a Job (Formally SNAP E&T)	Federal Pass thru DHHS	3,654,724	1,837,956	49.71%	10/1/25-9/30/26	Michelle Johnson/ Janice Goodman-Long	4	5	4	
US Dept of Commerce, EDA, Build Back Better Regional Challenge	Federal	16,422,220	7,524,508	54.18%	9/2/22-5/28/27	Rondra McMillan/ Elizabeth Heath	4	1	1	
Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFLA)	Federal	20,287,290	7,902,328	61.05%	7/1/25-9/30/27	Robert Van Dyke/ Janice Goodman-Long	5	4	4	
NCCC Foundation MOU - JMBE - Long Term Support	Private	3,200,000	2,993,419	6.46%	12/1/24-12/31/27	Zach Barricklow/ Elizabeth Heath	4	5	4	
US Department of Labor, State Apprenticeship Exampson Formula Grant (SAEF3)	Federal	1,158,891	548,850	52.64%	7/1/25-6/30/28	Chris Harrington/ Janice Goodman-Long	5	5	5	
Golden LEAF Open Grants Program	Private	1,000,000	1,000,000	0.00%	8/7/25-8/6/28	Lisa Eads/ Elizabeth Heath	4	1	1	
NCCC Foundation MOU - Kenan Charitable Trust	Private	180,000	180,000	0.00%	01/01/26-12/31/28	Nicole Ditillo/ Elizabeth Heath	4	1	1	
NCCC Foundation MOU - Arnold Ventures Boost Award (System Office portion only)	Private	2,102,092	1,881,604	10.49%	1/1/25-7/31/31	Nicole Ditillo/ Elizabeth Heath	4	3	4	
		\$ 72,520,692	\$ 29,842,786				4.00	2.88	3.19	

***Criticality Framework:**

Score	Descriptor	Clear Criteria
5 – Mission-Critical	Core system function	Required for statutory compliance, statewide operations, or flagship strategy
4 – High	Strong strategic alignment	Directly advances Strategic Plan goals; difficult to replace funding
3 – Moderate	Valuable but substitutable	Enhances outcomes but could be absorbed, scaled down, or replaced
2 – Low	Peripheral	Discrete project or pilot with limited system-wide impact
1 – Minimal/Planned as Time-Limited	Time-limited Grant/Non-essential	Nice-to-have; limited consequences if sunset; or always a planned sunset

****Renewal Framework:**

Score	Descriptor	Meaning
5 – Highly Likely	Strong candidate	High performance + clear funder appetite
4 – Likely	Good odds	Renewal plausible with refinement
3 – Uncertain	50/50	Depends on strategy shifts or redesign
2 – Unlikely	Weak case	Low funder interest or internal ROI
1 – Not Pursuing	Intentional sunset	No strategic rationale to renew

*****Risk Framework:**

Score	Descriptor	Typical Indicators
5 – High Risk	Severe consequences	Major service disruption, layoffs, public scrutiny
4 – Elevated	Material impact	Program instability, strained partners
3 – Moderate	Manageable	Workarounds exist but with cost
2 – Low	Limited impact	Minor adjustments required
1 – Minimal	Negligible	Clean sunset, no downstream effects

Grants Pipeline — New Opportunities

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Opportunity	Funder	Est. \$	Stage	Due/ Decision Date	Project Lead
Pay-for-Performance (PfP) Incentive Payments Program	U.S. Department of Labor and Employment and Training Administration (ETA)	\$40 million	Applied	Applied April 2026	Elizabeth Orion John Loyak
SAEF 4 State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula, Round 4	U.S. Department of Labor and Employment and Training Administration (ETA)	\$2,223,654.50	Applied	Applied May 2026	Elizabeth Orion
Postsecondary Student Success Grants Program (PSSG) Boost NC: Enhancing an Evidence-Based Student Success	U.S. Department of Labor on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education	\$3,994,584.00	Applied	Applied June 2026	Dr. Brian Merritt Michelle Lair

Model Through AI-Enabled Advising and Work-Based Learning					
Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Directorate for STEM Education (IUSE: EDU)	National Science Foundation (NSF)	\$111,000	Proposal Prepared (NCSU will serve as the fiscal agent.)	Will apply July 2026	Dr. Andrea Crowley
Partnerships for Academic-Career Training (PACT) Initiative	U.S. Department of Energy	TBD up to \$11 million	Proposal in Development in a CC consortium	Summer 2026	Andrew Gardner
Supporting the Implementation of Statewide Credit for Prior Learning through an Evidence-Based Community of Practice	The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), in partnership with RAND,	\$40,000	Awarded	Awarded Spring 2026	Seth Kamen, Chanell Butler
The Connecting Talent to Opportunity Challenge: Phase 1 Award	Sponsored by Department of Education	\$4,000,000	Opportunity Identified. Awaiting application to open.	Due: November 2026 Decision: January 2027	Chanell Butler, and TBD
The Connecting Talent to Opportunity Challenge:	Sponsored by Department of Education	\$10,000,000	Opportunity Identified.	Due: January 2027 Decision: March 2028	Chanell Butler, and TBD

Phase 2 Award			Awaiting application to open.		
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