



**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**

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Subject: Finish Line Grants (FLGs) Guidelines

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Purpose: To provide guidance and instructions to Local Area Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) and North Carolina Community College partners with regards to Finish Line Grants funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Background: On July 12, 2018, Governor Cooper announced the FLG initiative to help community college students who face unforeseen financial emergencies complete their training. The program leverages federal funds to help students pay for course materials, housing, medical needs, dependent care, or other financial emergencies that students may face through no fault of their own. FLG partnership proposals were received and approved during the first year of the initiative and include all 23 WDBs and all 58 Community Colleges.

The FLGs Frequently Asked Questions and other related documentation can be found at: <https://www.nccommerce.com/jobs-training/workforce-professionals-tools-resources/finish-line-grants>.

Action: For the duration of the FLG initiative, by September 15 each year, Local Area WDBs should submit funding requests for each subsequent fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) to continue participating in FLG partnerships, utilizing the attached application. It is not a requirement that additional funds be requested, if carryover funds are sufficient to address students' needs. If additional funds are not needed, a zero request to continue the FLG Partnership is required.

All questions on the application must be addressed fully and requests must be signed by the persons who submitted the original partnership proposal or persons currently holding the offices indicated on the original proposal.

Requests should be submitted by email to the FLG email address: FinishLine@ncworks.gov.

The Finish Line Grants (FLG) Funding Application may also be utilized to request funding expiration date extensions, as well as funding transfers.

During the course of FLG Grants, WDBs may contact the FLG Coordinator to inquire about the process to request additional funding, if needed.

Effective Date: Immediately

Expiration: Indefinite

Contact: DWS FLG Coordinator

Attachment: Finish Line Grants (FLG) Funding Application

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