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Governor Expands Student Finish Line Grants
Charlotte, NC- Finish Line Grants funding has been awarded to more than 30 community colleges across the state according to a press release by the Governor Roy Cooper Tuesday, October 23. Announced in July, the Finish Line Grants program has distributed over 1.8 million in funding across the state to help community college students to complete their training.

Hurricane Florence aftermath has caused record damages and unanticipated financial crisis to families across North Carolina. The importance of Finish Line Grants are being pinpointed as funding available to community college students who support households and encounter challenges outside of academics as reasons for not completing school. Governor Roy Cooper says the Finish Line Grant program will help students particularly in areas most affected by Hurricane Florence.

Every community college in North Carolina may participate in the Finish Line Grants program but is not required. Community colleges and workforce development boards collaborate to apply for funding and establish a joint process for reviewing funding requests from students. Students in good academic standing who are at least 75 percent done with their degree can apply for up to \$1,000 per semester. Funds will not be distributed directly to students, the money will go directly to the hospital, the mechanic's shop or other creditor instead of to the student.

Up to \$7 million of federal funds from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act will be available for Finish Line Grants in the 2018-19 school year. Governor Cooper's most recent budget proposed recurring funding to make the Finish Line Grants program ongoing, including funding for students in four-year college and university programs.

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