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Bladen Community College Receives \$287,000 Tobacco Trust Fund Grant to Expand Agricultural Facilities

Dublin, NC — Bladen Community College has been awarded a \$287,000 grant from the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission to expand and improve agricultural training facilities and programming in Bladen County.

The grant, titled “Agriculture Facilities Expansion & Improvement,” will support several key investments designed to enhance agricultural education and workforce development in the region. Funds will be used to purchase a tractor and seeder, construct high tunnel greenhouses at the college’s Bladen Community College – Booker T. Washington School site in Clarkton, and build a new greenhouse on the Bladen Community College campus in Dublin.

These improvements will expand hands-on learning opportunities for students while strengthening partnerships with local agricultural leaders. The college will collaborate with NC Cooperative Extension to provide professional development opportunities for agriculture science teachers across the county.

In addition to supporting student learning, the project will create new opportunities for the community. Plans include the development of community enrichment programs and the creation of a Greenhouse Management Certificate designed to equip individuals with practical skills for careers in greenhouse operations and agricultural production.

Products grown and developed through the program are expected to generate approximately \$12,000 in value, helping sustain the educational initiative while providing real-world learning experiences for students.

To recognize the grant award, Bladen Community College hosted a special presentation acknowledging the gift on Monday, April 13th at Bladen Community College with representatives from the NC Tobacco Trust and guests from the college and community.

For additional information about the event or the Agriculture Facilities Expansion & Improvement project, please contact Bladen Community College at 910.879.5500 or visit our website at BladenCC.edu.

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