Non-public funds are defined as those funds originating in the private sector or funds resulting from fund-raising activities of a private non-profit eleemosynary foundation over which the college commission or administration has no control. Unrestricted funds donated to a college from the private sector become public funds since the college is a public entity and the area commission is a public body and, therefore, cannot be used for salary supplements. In no case shall any funds derived either directly or indirectly from tax revenues or funds collected for or resulting from the principal operating purpose of the institution be used to authorize salary supplements, nor shall such funds be donated to private foundations for the purpose of making salary supplements to employees of colleges.

All employee salary supplements must have prior approval by the System/College President or designee. Salary supplements may be authorized in the form of cash contributions or bonuses, or a combination thereof, and must be paid directly to the recipient from the entity, not through the
System Office/College. The recipient is responsible for ensuring that all Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements are met for supplemental salary payments. All supplemental salary authorizations must be reported to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education Human Resource Services Office, specifying the type of supplement, amount, source of funds, and condition of the supplement. It is suggested that salary supplements be reported prior to implementation so that any questions may be resolved before actual payment. A written rationale statement supporting any supplement must be maintained in the individual personnel record at the college.

The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education reserves the right to consider, review, question, require justification, and/or reject any authorization for salary supplement. Any supplement that is not in conformity with the policy and procedure of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education is subject to revocation. The primary purpose of the salary supplement is to maintain a competitive posture for a position or individual. Less emphasis should be placed on annual performance.