Foundation for California Community Colleges

Nursing Education Investment Grants Program: 2024 Application Guidelines

The Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) administers the Nursing Education Investment Grants Program with funds provided through the Nursing Education Investment Fund. The grants program is designed to benefit nursing education within the California Community College (CCC) system.

Grant Opportunity

The Nursing Education Investment Grants Program provides funding to support projects that facilitate, coordinate with, or complement efforts to educate and train nurses through California community colleges and that address at least one funding priority described in the Application Guidelines. We anticipate awarding three or more grants that total up to $522,000.

Eligible applicants must submit an application by April 4, 2024, through our online portal [Submittable](). Only one proposal per applicant may be submitted.

Background

The Nursing Education Investment Fund was established in 2005 through an agreement between the Foundation for California Community Colleges, WellPoint, Inc., and the Insurance Commissioner for the State of California, and is designed to benefit nursing education within the California Community College system. For example, recent grants were awarded to scale seamless transfer programs from associate degree to bachelor's degree in nursing and to replicate successful career pathways to expand nursing education access in a rural region.

Criteria

Proposed projects must align with the grant program's *purpose* to facilitate, coordinate with, or complement efforts to educate and train nurses through California community colleges.

Additionally, proposed projects must address *at least one* of the following *priorities*:
- Priority 1: Address systemic racism in nursing education programs, including efforts that aim to diversify education pipelines, reduce harmful bias in learning environments, improve classroom or clinical placement climate for students of color, or enhance curriculum by integrating a focus on eliminating racial discrimination in health care
- Priority 2: Implement strategies that lead to well-prepared and diverse nursing faculty and program directors

- Priority 3: Increase the supply of nurses in specific regions of California with documented shortages
- Priority 4: Create educational and career pathways through new, enhanced, replicated, or expanded programs that may include but are not limited to: remote or virtual learning, increased clinical placement opportunities, or addition of student supports to meet basic needs and promote mental health.
- Priority 5: Promote academic progression for registered nurses to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or higher degree
- Priority 6: Provide academic, clinical, and/or other work-based learning opportunities that ensure nurses are well-prepared to assume evolving and expanded roles in changing practice environments

Priority 1 responds to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office *Call to Action* to combat racism within the CCC system. Priorities 2 through 6 are based on recommendations in HealthImpact's 2016 *Nursing Education Plan White Paper and Recommendations for California* that were adapted to support nursing education through California community colleges.

In addition to meeting criteria, the most competitive projects will also:
- Provide clear evidence of the need for the project and how the project is designed to meet that need;
- Incorporate or build collaborative partnerships, which may include academic-practice partnerships, as appropriate;
- Demonstrate capacity for successful implementation;
- Leverage additional funding or other resources; and/or
- Offer potential to be replicated or scaled.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be a public governmental entity or have valid tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations or projects with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor are eligible for funding.

Award Information

- We expect to award a total of up to $522,000. Applicants are advised to request an amount that makes sense for their project's proposed scope of work.
- The grant term is expected to begin on July 1, 2024 and may be for a duration of up to 24 months.
- Types of projects considered for funding include but are not limited to planning, implementation, capacity-building, systems change, policy and advocacy, communication strategies, partnership development, and/or outreach and education.
- Allowable costs include project-related staff time, meetings, travel, materials, equipment, and subcontractors. Funding should be used to augment but not replace existing financial resources.

- Indirect costs are allowable up to a maximum of 15% of direct costs.
- The funder may award part or all of a proposed project and budget. If awarded partial funding, the applicant will be notified in advance of an award to ensure project viability at the reduced level.

Applicant Webinar

A prospective applicant webinar with additional information about this grant opportunity will be hosted by FoundationCCC on Tuesday, February 13 from 1:30pm-2:15pm. Click here to register.

Timeline

Grant opportunity announcement: January 31, 2024
Applicant webinar: February 13, 2024
Deadline to submit questions: February 23, 2024
Answers posted to website: March 15, 2024
Proposal deadline: April 4, 2024
Approximate award announcement: June 2024
Approximate date funds available: July 1, 2024

Questions and Answers

Do you have questions about this funding opportunity? Submit questions here, or email questions to advancement@foundationccc.org. In the subject line, reference "2024 Nursing Education Investment Grants." Answers will be posted to the website by March 15, 2024, so that all applicants can benefit from the information.

Do you have technical questions about Submittable, the online portal? Send a message via the Submittable help center here, by clicking the pop-up in the bottom right of the browser window, or contacting Submittable here.