

2026 Nursing Education Investment Grants Program

Applicant Webinar
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Agenda

- About the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC)
- Nursing Education Investment Fund
 - Background
 - Grant Timeline
- Application Materials
- Questions and Wrap-Up

About FoundationCCC

- Official auxiliary to California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Board of Governors since 1998
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Areas of Impact
 - Student Success
 - **Workforce Development (includes this grant program)**
 - Equity
 - Community Impact
 - Climate Action
 - System Support

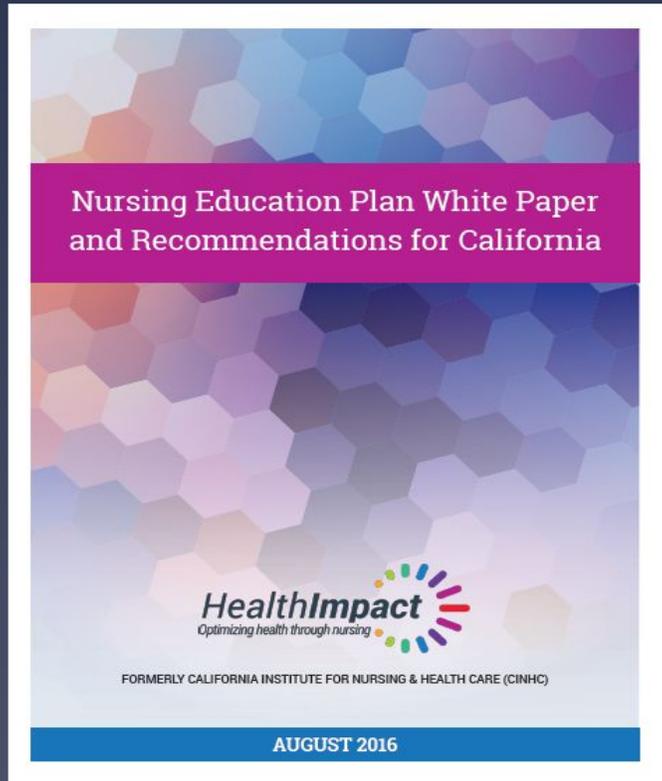
About FoundationCCC (cont.)

- Our Mission
 - To benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community College system.
- Our Vision
 - FoundationCCC serves as a hub for innovation and an intermediary for transformative change at scale.
- Learn more on our [website](https://foundationccc.org/about-us/)
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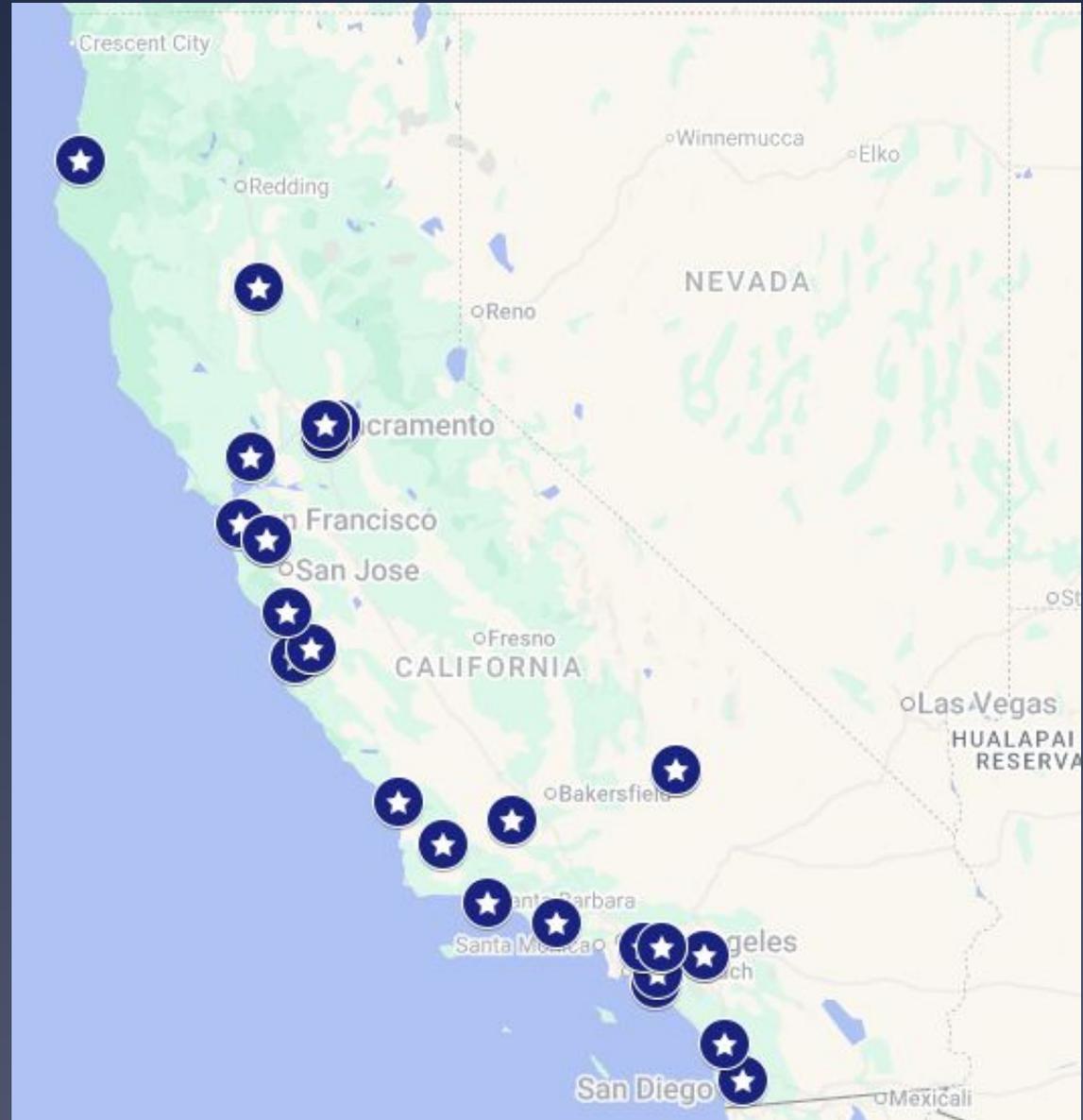
Nursing Education Investment Fund: Background

- Established in 2005
- One-time \$15 million donation from WellPoint, Inc. to create endowment fund
- Managed by FoundationCCC
- Amount of funding and number of grants may vary from year to year

Grant Opportunity: Funding Priorities



Nursing Education Investment Fund Grant Program



Nursing Education Investment Fund: Grant Opportunity

- **Purpose:** Support projects that facilitate, coordinate with, or complement efforts to educate and train nurses through California Community Colleges
- **Awards:** \$509,000 in total grant funding for 2026
- **Project Duration:** Up to 24 months
- **Application Deadline:** March 12, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

Grant Opportunity: Funding Priorities

- **Priority 1:** Implement strategies in community college nursing education programs to strengthen the preparation of students, faculty, and/or program directors to effectively serve California's varied health care environments, including rural communities and individuals who experience physical, communication, or financial barriers to accessing appropriate care.

Grant Opportunity: Funding Priorities (cont.)

- **Priority 2:** Increase the supply of nurses in specific regions of California with documented shortages
- **Priority 3:** Create educational and career pathways through new, enhanced, replicated, or expanded programs that may include but are not limited to: remote or virtual learning, or the addition of student supports to meet basic needs and promote mental health.

Grant Opportunity: Funding Priorities (cont.)

- **Priority 4:** Promote academic progression to increase the number of students in ASN programs; and/or increase the number of registered nurses obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or higher degree.
- **Priority 5:** Provide academic, clinical, and/or other work-based learning opportunities in varied clinical placement settings (e.g., hospitals, outpatient clinics, urgent care centers, or day treatment for mental health, dialysis clinics, blood bank, etc.), that ensure nurses are well-prepared to assume evolving and expanded roles in changing practice environments.

Grant Opportunity: Competitive Projects

- Clear evidence of need and how project meets the need
- Collaborative partnerships, internal or external, including academic-practice partnerships
- Capacity for implementation
- Leverage other resources (financial or in-kind)
- Potential for replication or scaling

Grant Opportunity: Timeline

- Deadline to submit questions: **February 10, 2026**
- Answers posted to website: **February 27, 2026**
- Application deadline: **March 12, 2026**
- Approximate award announcement: **May 2026**
- Approximate date funds available: **July 1, 2026**

Application Materials

- Application Guidelines
- Questions and Answers (updates will be posted in March)
- Application Template (Microsoft Word)
- Budget Template and Narrative (Microsoft Excel)
- Work Plan Template (Microsoft Word)
- Review Form Template

Grant Opportunity: Eligible Applicants

- Public governmental entity
- 501(c)(3) organization
- Fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) entity

Grant Opportunity: Online Submission Portal

- [Submittable](#)



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Ends on Thu, Mar 12, 2026 11:59 PM

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 \$509,000.

Eligible applicants must submit an application by March 12, 2026. Only one proposal per applicant may be submitted.

Proposed projects must align with the grant program's *purpose* to facilitate,

Grant Opportunity: Applicant Resources

- **Application Materials:** Nursing Education Investment Grants [website](#)
- **Submittable Technical Questions:** [Help Center](#) or [website](#)
- **Grant Program Questions:** Submit [here](#) or email advancement@foundationccc.org by February 10

Grant Opportunity: Application Tips

- Start preparing early
- Follow instructions and application guidance carefully
- Answer the prompt
- Be organized
- Be concise and clear
- Proofread the application
- Make sure the budget and the rest of the proposal are consistent

Questions?



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