



Nursing Education Investment Grants Application Guidelines

Funding Opportunity

The Foundation for California Community Colleges intends to award 2020 Nursing Education Investment Grants to support projects that facilitate, coordinate with, or complement efforts to educate and train nurses through California community colleges. Up to \$450,000 in total funds will be awarded in one or more grants. A Letter of Intent (LOI) must be submitted by **November 15, 2019**. Based on evaluation of LOIs, select applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

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. Recent grants have been awarded to scale seamless transfer programs from associate degree to bachelor's degree in nursing; replicate successful career pathways; and enhance a clinical placement technology tool that connects nursing educators and students to clinical providers and placements.

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*:

1. Promote academic progression for registered nurses to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or higher degree;
2. Create educational and career pathways through new, enhanced, replicated, or expanded programs;
3. 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;
4. Increase the supply of nurses in specific regions of California with documented shortages of nurses; and
5. Implement strategies that lead to well-prepared and diverse nursing faculty and program directors.

These priorities reflect existing needs within the nursing field. These priorities are based on recommendations provided in HealthImpact's 2016 *Nursing Education Plan White Paper and Recommendations for California*, and have been adapted to support nursing education in the community college context.

The most competitive projects will also:

- Clearly demonstrate capacity for successful project implementation;

- Incorporate or build collaborative partnerships, including academic-practice partnerships, as appropriate to the project’s design;
- Leverage additional funding or other resources; and/or
- Offer scalable solutions or potential to be replicated in other places.

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

- Up to \$450,000 in total funds will be awarded in one or more grants. Applicants are advised to request an amount that makes sense for their project’s scope of work.
- The grant term is expected to begin July 2020 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 pre-recorded applicant webinar with additional information about this funding opportunity will be available on the Nursing Education Investment Grants [website](#) by October 30, 2019. You may register [here](#) to be notified when the webinar is posted.

LOI Phase

Applicants must submit an LOI by November 15, 2019, through the online portal accessed [here](#). Emailed and hard copy LOIs will not be accepted. All applicants will be notified in late December 2019 whether they are invited to submit a full proposal. Additional guidance and support is provided through a Questions and Answers document and a Word version of the LOI application (to draft responses).

Proposal Phase

For those selected to move to the next phase, proposals must be submitted by February 14, 2020, through the online portal. Award announcements are expected in April 2020.

Expected Timeline

Fund opportunity announcement:	October 1, 2019
Applicant webinar:	October 30, 2019
Deadline to submit questions:	November 6, 2019
Answers posted to website:	November 8, 2019
LOI deadline:	November 15, 2019
Invitations for full proposals:	December 2019

Proposal deadline:	February 14, 2020
Approximate award announcement:	April 2020
Approximate date funds available:	July 2020

Questions and Answers

Do you have questions about this funding opportunity? Submit questions [here](#), or email questions to grants@foundationccc.org until November 6, 2019 (reference “2020 Nursing Education Investment Grants” in the subject line). Responses to all questions will be posted to the Nursing Education Investment Grants website regularly until November 8, 2019.

Do you have technical questions about Reviewr, the online portal? Please contact support@reviewr.com or 402-261-5802.