Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) Nursing Grant Programs, Funding, and Recommendations
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Bureau of Health Workforce
Interprofessional training and practice

Academic and clinical partnerships

Long-term clinical practice in community settings

Residency training

Our Work in Action...

• BHW nurse training programs require new and innovative academic-clinical partnerships to ensure trainees are receiving long-term clinical practice opportunities

• In FY 2019, BHW awarded $17.7 million to 36 Nurse Practitioner (NP) residency programs to prepare new NPs to serve in rural and underserved communities

• Advanced Nursing Education Workforce-funded students received training in primary care settings (85%), MUCs (67%), and/or rural areas (48%)

• Nearly 60% of Advanced Nursing Education clinical training sites provided interprofessional education.
Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH)

DNPH administers and provides oversight of nursing, behavioral and public health workforce development programs.

**Awardees**
- Academic Institutions
- Clinical Facilities
- Community Partners

**Funding Mechanisms**
- Grants
- Cooperative Agreements
- Contracts

**Annual Budget**: $327.2M
**FTEs**: 35

**IMPACT**
- Expanded academic-practice-community partnerships
- Enhancements to curriculum and clinical training
- Faculty development and other continuing education opportunities
Nursing Education and Practice Programs

Nurse Education Practice Quality and Retention (NEPQR)

RNPC
Prepares nursing students and current registered nurses to practice at the full scope of their license in community-based primary care

VNPC
Recruits and trains undergraduate nursing students who are veterans and current primary care RNs to practice in community-based primary care

IPCP-BHI
Integrates evidence-based, interprofessional team-based models of behavioral health services into nurse-led primary care

SET
Expand the use of experiential learning and innovative simulation-based technology to strengthen the capacity of PH nursing students

Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD)

NWD
Provides educational opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds

E2
Increases the eldercare workforce in rural communities where there are health care disparities related to access and delivery of care
**Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) Branch**

**Advanced Nursing Education (ANE)**

- **Nurse Practitioner Residency Integration Program (NPRIP)**
  Prepares new nurse practitioners for primary care in behavioral health practice in integrated, community-based settings.

- **Nurse Practitioner Residency (NPR) Program**
  Supports clinical and academic focused 12-month NP Residency programs that prepare new NPs for primary care practice in community-based settings.

- **Workforce (ANEW) Program**
  Supports innovative academic-practice partnerships to prepare primary care APRN students to practice in rural and underserved settings.

- **Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) Program**
  Supports academic-practice partnerships to train APRNs within primary care programs at rural and/or underserved sites.

- **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE)**
  Increases the number of RNs, APRNs and FNs, trained and certified as sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) in communities.

- **Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT)**
  Provides quality training to prepare students to serve as an integral part of the anesthesia and pain management team.

- **Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)**
  Increases the number of qualified nursing faculty by supporting schools of nursing.
Grant Funding Process
Grant Funding Cycle

- Legislation and Congressional Appropriations
- Program Creation
- Notice of Funding Opportunity Released
- Objective Review Committee
- Release of Award Funding
Grant Writing Tips: Responsive Applications
Things to Keep in Mind Before You Start:

- **Grants.gov** – Instructions and Due Date - late applications are not considered!
- Obtain Unique Entity Identifier (UEI/DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM)
- **SF-424 Application Guide** – How to Apply
- Special Instructions
- **Instructions** for Budget, Budget Justification, funding restrictions, Staffing Plan, Personnel Requirements, Assurances, Certifications and Abstract – Must be compliant
- **Application Page Limit** – Applications over limit will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered!
- **Ceiling-Summary of Funding** - Applications that exceed the ceiling amount will not be considered for funding
Responsive Applications: Abstract

- Provide a summary of the application.
- It must include a brief description of the proposed project including the needs to be addressed, the proposed services, and the population group(s) to be served.
- Please include at the top of the abstract:
  - Project Title
  - Applicant Organization Name
  - Address
  - Project Director Name
  - Contact info: Phone Numbers, E-Mail Address, etc.
  - If requesting a funding preference, priority, or special consideration as outlined NOFO please indicate here.
  - Please consult the program-specific FOA for additional requirements.
- The project abstract must be single-spaced and limited to one page in length.
Responsive Applications: Project Narrative

The Project Narrative includes*: 

- **Purpose and Need**
- **Response to Program Purpose**
  - Methodology/Approach
  - Work Plan/
  - Resolution of Challenges
- **Impact**
  - Evaluation and Technical Support Capacity
  - Project Sustainability
- **Organizational Information, Resources, and Capability**
- **Budget and Budget Justification Narrative**
Responsive Applications: Review Criteria*

I. Purpose and Need

II. Response to Program Purpose
   a) Work plan
   b) Methodology
   c) Resolutions of Challenges

III. Impact
   a) Evaluation and Technical Support Capacity
   b) Project Sustainability

IV. Organizational Information, Resources, and Capabilities

V. Support Requested
Responsive Applications: Attachments

- Must be included in order to have a responsive application*

- Any forms included in the attachments must be completed correctly – ask for TA from Program Officer.

- Responsive Applications Attachments
  - Label
  - Use a recognizable file extensions (see Application Guide)
  - 15-max number allowed
  - Included in page limit
Responsive Applications: Budget

- Submit line-item budget and budget justification for all years of funding request*

- Responsive Applications Budget
  - Follow instructions – see SF-424 R&R Application Guide
  - See NOFO for specific instructions
  - DO NOT exceed the ceiling amount
  - Included in page limit
  - Complete forms correctly
  - Seek Technical Assistance (TA) from Grants Management Specialist
## Responsive Application: Good vs. Funded

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Top Mistakes When Applying for a Grant

- **Time**: Application is rejected for “fixable” errors, but the applicant didn’t leave enough time to correct before the deadline.

- **Applicant** does not address the Need in the NOFO.

- **Responds** with a list of activities, but does not tie these activities to the overall application.

- **Data**: Applicant leaves areas of the application blank, incomplete, or is using outdated data.

- **Attachments**: Missing or incomplete attachments.

- **Exceeds Limits**: Applicant exceeds page limit and or budget ceiling.
Grant Application Writing Resources

- Attend the program specific NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar
- Reach out to the program specific Project Officer and Grants Management Specialist for TA
- View HRSA Grant webcasts and various other informative presentations on You Tube (search HRSA grants)

- Tips for Writing & Submitting Good Grant Proposals
- The HRSA Grants Life Cycle and Process
- Navigating and Preparing a HRSA Application
- Debunk the Myths Video Series – HRSA Competitive Application Objective Review Process
Additional Resources

For more information on Nursing grants visit:

https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-grant#nursing

How to prepare your application

https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply-for-a-grant/prepare-your-application

HRSA YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/user/HRSAtube
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