

**FISCAL YEAR 2020 NURSING SCHOOL GRANT AWARDS**

**Submitted for:** Information.

**Summary:** This informational item will update the Board regarding the recipients of the Fiscal Year 2020 Nursing School Grants.

**Action Requested:** None.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The purpose of the grant program is to increase the number of registered nurses with high-quality postsecondary credentials to meet the demands of the Illinois economy. Grants are awarded to Illinois institutions of higher education that prepare registered nurses at the associate, baccalaureate, and master entry level. Nursing schools submit proposals to improve or expand existing nursing programs using strategies that are supported by current research and best practices.

At the September 10, 2019, Board meeting, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) authorized the Interim Executive Director to:

- 1) *Determine eligibility of institutions pursuant to statute (110 ILCS 205/9.31) and the rules implementing the statute (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1100);*
- 2) *Evaluate, score, and rank proposals by program priorities;*
- 3) *Select the proposals for funding and adjust the awards if the total amount of the funds requested does not equal the funds appropriated;*
- 4) *Distribute grant awards to eligible nursing schools; and*
- 5) *Provide the Board with the details of the proposals selected for funding and the award amounts at the next Board meeting.*

IBHE received requests for funding from 11 institutions and the total amount requested was \$737,325. Unfortunately, the current appropriation does not cover the requests. The Fiscal Year 2020 program appropriation of \$373,900 will be distributed to nine institutions to improve or expand their existing pre-licensure programs for registered nurses.

The following table identifies the recipients and the amounts awarded.

## Fiscal Year 2020 Nursing School Grants

### Community Colleges

Harper College	Palatine	\$36,700
IL Eastern Community College – Olney Central College	Olney	\$70,000
Kaskaskia College	Centralia	\$39,300
Lincoln Land College	Springfield	\$40,200
Subtotal for Community Colleges		\$186,200

### Private, Not-For-Profit Institutions

Dominican University	River Forest	\$46,900
Lakeview College of Nursing	Danville	\$35,000
Millikin University	Decatur	\$35,200
Saint Xavier University	Chicago	\$37,600
University of St. Francis	Joliet	\$33,000
Subtotal for Private, Not-For-Profit Institutions		\$197,700
Total		\$373,900