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MEMORANDUM

TO: Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) Presidents
Commission for Independent Education (CIE) Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda

DATE: October 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Private College and University Nursing Education Grant Program

The 2023 General Appropriations Act provided \$5 million to private educational institutions to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and health care partners in the state. This competitive grant program--titled the Private College and University Nursing Education Grant Program--provides matching funds on a dollar-to-dollar basis, subject to available funds, to participating agencies that partner with health care providers. To be eligible as a health care partner, each health care provider must meet the qualifications as defined in section 768.38(2), Florida Statutes, and must be located and licensed to operate in the state.

This appropriation is available for accredited, private educational institutions that offer licensed practical nurse, associate of science in nursing or bachelor of science in nursing programs. Eligible educational institutions must be accredited by an agency or association that is recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education to grant baccalaureate degrees. Additionally, eligible applicants must possess a first-time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) of at least 70 percent for the prior year.

Funds may be used to award scholarships to students who meet the residency for tuition purposes requirements, recruit additional faculty, purchase equipment, and support simulation centers to advance high-quality nursing education programs throughout the state. Funds may not be used for the construction of new buildings.

The Florida Department of Education will soon release the Request for Proposal for the disbursement of these funds. Once available, the proposal and associated documents can be accessed on the following funding opportunities site: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/2023-2024-funding-opportunities/>.

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FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM CHANCELLOR

A funding opportunities webinar is scheduled for the following date and time to provide information on the appropriation, how to complete and submit the proposal and an overview of the review process.

Date	Friday, October 20, 2023
Time	11:00 a.m. ET
Registration Link	https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-4bD8afLRLK9L7v3BovVJw

Once available, please review the proposal requirements and plan to participate in the webinar to ask additional questions. Should you have questions, please contact Katie Grissom, Director of Workforce and Academic Alignment, Division of Florida Colleges at Katie.Grissom@fldoe.org or PCUNursingGrant@fldoe.org.

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