

Health Services Cost Review Commission  
Nurse Support Program I (NSP I)  
Recommendations for NSP I FY 2008 mid year Funding  
Cycle Awards

December 05, 2007

These final recommendations are ready for Commission action.

**Health Services Cost Review Commission Meeting  
December 5, 2007**

**Recommendations for Funding NSP I mid year Cycle Awards**

**1. Summary statement**

This paper contains the recommendations for NSP I FY 2008 mid year grant applications for funding for the remainder of the 5-year cycle for those hospitals that missed the May 11, 2007 deadline.

**2. FY 2008 mid year grant funding cycle**

A Request for Applications (RFA) was distributed to hospitals on September 5, 2007. The recommendations presented today are for proposals that were submitted by October 5, 2007 for FY 2008.

Staff received 4 applications that were categorized in the following eligible categories:

- a. Educational Attainment;
- b. Nurse Retention and Recruitment;
- c. Improved Nurse Practice Environment;
- d. Other category, such as funding of nurse faculty.

An independent NSP I Evaluation Committee comprised of representatives from HSCRC staff, hospital nursing leadership, the Maryland Hospital Association, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, reviewed applications meeting the minimum requirements outlined in the application form. HSCRC staff recommended that the evaluators have no current or recent past professional relationship with the hospital or health system that submitted the proposal they were to review, and each application was required to be reviewed by five evaluators.

The evaluation criteria utilized by the Evaluation Committee were updated to reflect the new guidelines for categories of initiatives eligible for funding as well as objective evaluation metrics required in annual reporting.

The committee reviewed all four applications and unanimously agreed to recommend the funding of all the programs proposed. As a final step in the evaluation process, many of the submitting hospitals were contacted for either revised budgets or measurable goals and objectives.

**3. Recommendation:**

For each of the NSP I applications listed in the attached table, staff recommends that the programs be funded for FY 2008 mid year at the lesser of: the requested amount, or 0.1% of the hospital's gross patient revenue for FY2006. In total, staff is requesting that the Commission approve \$525,524 in NSP I projects for FY2008 mid year.

For multiyear projects, recommendations regarding annual renewal of funding will be based on review of annual reports and will be presented to the Commission as needed.

NSP I  
 FY 2008 Mid-Year- FY 2012 Funding Cycle  
 Budget Request and Grant Recommendations  
 Data Source- 2006 Disclosure \*\*

**CATEGORY OF PROGRAM PROPOSED**

- a. Educational Attainment
- b. Nurse Retention and Recruitment
- c. Improved Nurse Practice Environment
- d. Other Category of Initiative

Hospital	Type of Program Proposed	Length of Project (years)	FY 2008 Request	Gross Patient Revenue FY06 **	0.10% Gross Pt Revenue	Evaluation Com. Rec. FY 2008
Bon Secours	b	3	\$93,000	\$93,951,300	\$93,951	\$93,000
Kernan	a,b,c	1	\$95,355	\$76,670,800	\$76,671	\$76,671
McCready	a,b,c,d	3	\$19,610	\$13,783,200	\$13,783	\$13,783
St. Joseph	b,c	3	\$342,070	\$342,591,900	\$342,592	\$342,070
Ft. Washington *			\$0	\$38,434,200	\$0	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$550,035</b>	<b>\$565,431,400.00</b>	<b>\$526,997</b>	<b>\$525,524</b>

Total Request	\$550,035
Total Recommended	\$525,524
Total Approved	\$525,524

There were 4 applications from 5 hospitals. \* One hospitals did not apply at this time.