

A Quick Guide to Nurse Support Programs I and II

Core facts	Nurse Support Program I	Nurse Support Program II
Goals	Increase the number of bedside nurses in Maryland through retention and recruitment.	Increase the number of bedside nurses in Maryland by increasing nursing education capacity.
History	Precursor – Nursing Educational Support program or NESP – 1986-1995. Over \$7 million allocated. Short and long term nursing shortage persisted.	NSP I identified lack of nursing educational capacity, especially lack of nursing faculty, as barrier to increasing bedside nurses.
Description	A hospital-based non-competitive grant program administered by HSCRC	A nursing education-focused grant program, administered by MHEC in conjunction with HSCRC, with two parts: 1. Competitive Institutional Grants, and 2. Statewide Initiatives
Years in place	First 5 year cycle – FY 2001-2006, Transition and Evaluation FY 2007, Second 5 year cycle – FY 2008-2012.	Commission approved in May 2005. First awards were made in April 2006 for FY 2007. Second, third and fourth awards for FY 2008-2010 were made in May 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively.
Funding source	0.1% of gross regulated patient revenue for the prior year added in rates of hospitals with approved NSP I project applications	0.1% of gross regulated patient revenue for the prior year added in hospital rates and submitted by hospitals to a pooled non-lapsing fund for distribution to NSP II awardees
Eligible categories of projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educational attainment 2. Nurse Retention and Recruitment 3. Improved Nurse Practice Environment 4. Other creative initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competitive Institutional Grants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initiatives to Expand Maryland’s Nursing Capacity through Shared Resources b. Initiatives to Increase Maryland’s Nursing Faculty c. Initiatives to Increase Nursing Student Retention d. Initiatives to Increase the Pipeline for Nursing Faculty e. Initiatives to Increase Capacity Statewide

		<p>2. Statewide Initiatives</p> <p>a. Graduate Nursing Faculty Scholarship and Living Expenses Grant</p> <p>b. New Nursing Faculty Fellowships</p>
Grant process	Applications reviewed by Evaluation Committee, recommendations to Commission for approval	Proposals reviewed by Evaluation Committee, Recommendations to Commission for approval.
Total funding to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2001-2006 - approximately \$36 million allocated; transition • FY 07- approx. \$9.5 million; • FY 2008 –approx \$9.7 million. • FY 2009- approx \$10.8 million. • FY 2010- approx \$11.9 million. • FY2011- approx \$12.3 million 	Approximately \$17.7 million for multi-year projects from 2007 through 2012
Total organizations funded	Generally, most Maryland acute care hospitals have participated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2007-7 awards involving 21 Schools of Nursing and hospitals. • FY 2008- 9 awards involving 26 Schools of Nursing, health systems, and hospitals. • FY 2009- 3 awards involving 4 schools. • FY 2010- 21 awards involving 45 schools and hospitals. • FY 2011 – 11 awards involving 22 schools and hospitals.

Evaluation and reporting	FY 2008 -2010 standardized reporting of outcomes and financial reports. Streamline & automated application and evaluation processes. Working with the MD hospital industry and nursing educational programs.	Reporting developed and includes site visits by MHEC, additional technical assistances provided; deans and directors surveyed to determined whether there are specific barriers that can be addressed, & standardized reporting of outcomes and financial reports.
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