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Governor Schwarzenegger Announces $3 Million in Grants to Improve and Expand Nursing School Programs

Continuing his efforts to address California’s medical professional shortage, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today awarded $3 million in grants to 16 different California nursing schools. The funds, eligible under the Song-Brown Act and administered by OSHPD through the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission, will help nursing schools attract and educate additional nursing students across the state.

“As we focus on reforming California’s broken health care system, we must ensure that we have the workforce to meet the growing demand for nurses. These grants will help expand enrollment in nursing programs and attract students from within the communities the nursing programs serve,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “Our goal is to increase nursing school opportunities, particularly in medically underserved communities, and improve the training of nurses so they can provide the highest quality of care.”

The following nursing schools received awards:

- University of California, Irvine $364,956
- Mount St. Mary’s College $273,180
- California State University, East Bay $240,000
- California State University, Bakersfield $240,000
- University of San Diego, Hahn School of Nursing $240,000
- Riverside City College $200,000
- College of the Canyons $200,000
- Fresno City College $200,000
- Merritt College $200,000
- Merced College $125,000
- Santa Ana College of Nursing $125,000
- San Diego State University $124,995
- California State University, Long Beach $124,950
- California State University, Fresno $124,905
- Victor Valley Community College $123,396
- Azusa Pacific University $100,000

The Song-Brown program was established to increase the number of family practice physicians, physician assistants, family nurse practitioners and registered nurses being trained in the state to provide needed medical services to Californians.

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown program has awarded more than $18 million to various programs.