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Gov. Schwarzenegger Awards almost $2.5 Million for Physician Training

Sacramento - To meet the growing demand for health care practitioners throughout California, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today awarded nearly $2.5 million to 26 family practice residency training programs. The awards are administered through the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development’s (OSHPD) Song-Brown program. Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office, he has awarded more than $12 million in Song-Brown funds to family practice residency training programs.

“In order to achieve my goal for high quality, affordable and accessible health care for all Californians, we must have enough trained medical professionals to meet increasing demands. These awards will help ease our growing health care workforce shortage,” said Governor Schwarzenegger.

The following family practice residency training programs received awards:

- Kern Medical Center: $17,205
- UCSD Combined Family Medicine-Psychiatry: $34,410
- UCSF-Fresno: $34,410
- Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital: $51,615
- San Jose – O’Connor Hospital: $51,615
- Glendale Adventist Medical Center: $51,615
- Natividad Medical Center: $51,615
- UC Davis: $51,615
- Northridge Hospital Medical Center: $51,615
- Stanislaus Family Medicine: $51,615
- Kaiser Permanente – Orange: $68,820
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center: $68,820
- Sutter Medical Center, Santa Rosa: $68,820
- Long Beach Memorial: $68,820
- Mercy Medical Center, Merced: $103,230
- UC Irvine: $103,230
- Mercy Medical Center, Redding: $103,230
- Loma Linda University: $103,230
- Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista: $103,230
- USC-California Hospital Medical Center: $137,640
- UC Los Angeles: $154,845
- UCSF-San Francisco General Hospital: $154,845
- White Memorial Medical Center: $189,255
- County of Ventura: $189,255
- Harbor – UCLA Medical Center: $206,460
- Contra Costa County Health Services: $206,460
The Song-Brown program was established by the Health Care Workforce Training Act to increase the number of family practice physicians and physician assistants trained to provide needed medical services to the people of California. OSHPD works in conjunction with the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission to award Song-Brown program funding. Family nurse practitioners were added to the Song-Brown program in 1978, and in 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger expanded the program to include registered nurses.

For more information about the Song-Brown program, please contact the program at (916) 653-0733, or visit http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm.