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STATE AWARDS MORE THAN $1.5 MILLION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS

SACRAMENTO – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) announced awards of more than $1.5 million to expand six Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) training programs, five Physician Assistant (PA) training programs and two combined FNP/PA training programs. The funds were made available through OSHPD’s Song-Brown program.

“Working to ease the growing demand on California’s healthcare workforce, the Song-Brown program increases the number of opportunities to train healthcare students and encourages these students to train and work in rural and urban underserved areas,” said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle.

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown program has awarded more than $26 million to health professions education and training programs throughout California.

The following 13 training programs received awards:

- University of California, Davis $279,904
- Charles R. Drew University $214,155
- University of California, Los Angeles $182,562
- Keck School of Medicine – USC $142,648
- California State University, Long Beach $141,242
- California State University, Fresno $140,022
- Stanford University $131,509
- Riverside Community College $108,864
- University of California, San Francisco $66,420
- San Joaquin Valley College $61,845
- Touro University $43,200
- California State University, Los Angeles $20,000
- University of California, Irvine $20,000

The Song-Brown program was established to increase the number of family practice physicians, physician assistants and registered nurses being trained in the state to provide needed medical services to Californians. For more information on the program, call (916) 326-3752 or log onto http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm.