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GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ANNOUNCES $2.7 MILLION FOR REGISTERED NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PROGRAMS BOOST HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS

SACRAMENTO – Helping the state’s economy by increasing California’s healthcare workforce, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today awarded more than $2.7 million to expand registered nurse education programs in California. The funds were made available through the Song-Brown program, which is administered by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

"These programs help nursing students by providing them more opportunities to pursue careers in nursing and help communities by directing more services to medically underserved areas across the state,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This is also a part of my long term commitment to address California's nursing shortages by helping to expand nursing programs and improve the supply of qualified nurses in our state."

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown program has awarded almost $29 million to health professions education and training programs throughout California.

The following nursing programs received awards:

- California State University, Fresno: $364,947
- Los Angeles County College: $287,500
- Riverside City College: $273,046
- California State University, East Bay: $240,000
- Merritt College: $200,000
- College of the Canyons: $200,000
- Fresno City College: $200,000
- Grossmont College: $125,000
- California State University, Long Beach: $87,457
- California State University, Channel Islands: $84,000
- Azusa Pacific University: $84,000
- Mount St. Mary's College: $84,000
- National University: $84,000
- Dominican University of California: $84,000
- American University of Health Sciences: $84,000
- Copper Mountain College: $80,000
- College of the Siskiyous: $80,000
- Victor Valley Community College: $80,000
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, visit http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm.