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FY 2001 Budget Recommendations

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for
Health and Human Services

Utah Department of Health
**Physicians and Physician Assistants Grant
And Scholarship Program**

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1.0 Department of Health-Physicians and Physician Assistants Grants and Scholarship Program

Summary

The purpose of the Physicians and Physician Assistants Grant and Scholarship Program is to increase the number of physicians and physician assistants practicing in medically underserved rural areas through loan repayment grants and scholarships in return for an obligated period of professional services rendered in a rural area of the State.

	Analyst FY 2001 Base	Analyst FY 2001 Changes	Analyst FY 2001 Total
Financing			
General Fund	\$310,000		\$310,000
Federal Funds	100,000		100,000
Beginning Non-lapsing	760,900		760,900
Closing Non-lapsing	(616,800)		(616,800)
Total	<u>\$554,100</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$554,100</u>
Programs			
Physician Loan Repayment	<u>\$554,100</u>		<u>\$554,100</u>
Total	<u>\$554,100</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$554,100</u>
FTE	0.8		0.8

3.1 Physicians and Physician Assistants Grants and Scholarship Program

Recommendation The Analyst recommends a budget of \$554,100 for the Physicians and Physician Assistants Grant and Scholarship Program for FY 2001. The funding comes from General Funds and matching Federal funds.

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	Est/Analyst
Financing	Actual	Estimated	Analyst	Difference
General Fund	\$310,000	\$310,000	\$310,000	
Federal Funds	54,751	100,000	100,000	
Beginning Non-lapsing	725,328	855,300	760,900	(94,400)
Closing Non-lapsing	(855,294)	(760,900)	(616,800)	144,100
Lapsing Balance	(7,557)			
Total	<u>\$227,228</u>	<u>\$504,400</u>	<u>\$554,100</u>	<u>\$49,700</u>
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$22,971	\$33,900	\$33,600	(\$300)
In-State Travel	318	4,900	4,900	
Current Expense	203,471	464,600	514,600	50,000
DP Current Expense	468	1,000	1,000	
Total	<u>\$227,228</u>	<u>\$504,400</u>	<u>\$554,100</u>	<u>\$49,700</u>
FTE		0.8	0.8	

Purpose During FY 1999, the Physicians and Physician Assistants Grant and Scholarship Program received 16 primary health care professional applications and 19 site applications. Of the 16 professional applications, five were approved as eligible for a match with an approved site. Of the 19 site applications, 15 were approved as eligible for a match with a qualified professional. Five professionals were awarded contracts to provide health care services at five approved sites in medically underserved areas of rural Utah. Two currently contracted professionals also received contract extensions. There have not been any contract cancellations or breaches during this past fiscal year. The program obligated \$233,581 in grant funds and expended \$29,628 for program administration.

Since its inception in 1990, the Physicians and Physician Assistants Grant and Scholarship Program has grown considerably. The program has received \$2.8 million in General Funds, with 83 percent expended for grant and/or scholarship awards and the remaining 17 percent expended for program administration.

Of those professionals who have completed their service obligation, 81 percent have either remained in their original service area or another rural site. Placements have been made in 17 underserved rural communities, allowing those communities the opportunities of more accessible medical help. The program has provided funding to secure the obligation of a total of 159 years of service.

4.0 Additional Information: Physicians and Physicians Assistants Grant and Scholarship Program

4.1 Funding History

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Analyst
Financing					
General Fund			\$310,000	\$310,000	\$310,000
Federal Funds			54,751	100,000	100,000
Beginning Non-lapsing			725,328	855,300	760,900
Closing Non-lapsing			(855,294)	(760,900)	(616,800)
Lapsing Balance			(7,557)		
Total	\$0	\$0	\$227,228	\$504,400	\$554,100
% Change				122.0%	9.9%
Programs					
Physician Loan Repayment			\$227,228	\$504,400	\$554,100
Total	\$0	\$0	\$227,228	\$504,400	\$554,100
Expenditures					
Personal Services			\$22,971	\$33,900	\$33,600
In-State Travel			318	4,900	4,900
Current Expense			203,471	464,600	514,600
DP Current Expense			468	1,000	1,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$227,228	\$504,400	\$554,100
FTE				0.8	0.8

4.2 Federal Funds

Program		FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimated	FY 2001 Analyst
Physician Loan Program	Federal	\$54,751	\$100,000	\$100,000
PHS Local Federal Grant	Required State Match	54,751	100,000	100,000
	Total	109,502	200,000	200,000
	Federal	54,751	100,000	100,000
	Required State Match	54,751	100,000	100,000
	Total	\$109,502	\$200,000	\$200,000