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FY 2002 Budget Recommendations

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for
Health and Human Services

Utah Department of Health
Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program

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1.0 Department of Health-Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program

Summary

The Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program was established in 1992 for the purpose of increasing the number of graduate-prepared nurses in needed nursing specialty areas in the State and to increase the number of nurses practicing in nursing shortage areas throughout the State through loan repayment grants and scholarships in return for an obligated period of professional services. Funding for this program is appropriated as a separate line item, in accordance with UCA 26-9d-9.

	Analyst FY 2002 Base	Analyst FY 2002 Changes	Analyst FY 2002 Total
Financing			
General Fund	190,400		190,400
Beginning Nonlapsing	181,200		181,200
Closing Nonlapsing	(134,800)		(134,800)
Total	<u>\$236,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$236,800</u>
Programs			
Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program	236,800		236,800
Total	<u>\$236,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$236,800</u>
FTE/Other			
Total FTE	1		1

3.1 Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program

Recommendation The Analyst recommends a budget in the amount of \$236,800 for the Nurse Education Program for FY 2002. A portion of the appropriated General Funds is committed for future years and is carried as non-lapsing as authorized in UCA 26-9d-9.

	2000	2001	2002	Est/Analyst
	Actual	Estimated	Analyst	Difference
Financing				
General Fund	200,000	190,900	190,400	(500)
Beginning Nonlapsing	227,941	233,300	181,200	(52,100)
Closing Nonlapsing	(233,277)	(181,200)	(134,800)	46,400
Total	\$194,664	\$243,000	\$236,800	(\$6,200)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	31,629	21,800	21,400	(400)
In-State Travel	1,431	2,400	2,400	
Out of State Travel		500	500	
Current Expense	161,543	217,900	212,100	(5,800)
DP Current Expense	61	400	400	
Total	\$194,664	\$243,000	\$236,800	(\$6,200)
FTE/Other				
Total FTE	1	1	1	

Purpose The Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program (NEFAP) was created to assist medically underserved urban and rural sites in the recruitment and retention of nurses. The program provides loan repayment grants to nurses, L.P.N. through graduate level, in exchange for a minimum two-year commitment in a nursing shortage area; and scholarships to graduate level nurses in exchange for a minimum two-year commitment in a needed nursing specialty in the State. The funds for the Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program are appropriated as a separate line item, as provided in 26-9d-9.

During FY 2000, the Nurse Financial Assistance Committee received 16 scholarship and 14 loan repayment applications. Of these, 7 scholarship and 12 grant contracts were signed. The program obligated \$60,300 in scholarship funds and \$103,600 in grant funds. Program administrative expenses were \$37,386. During the first half of FY 2001, an additional three scholarships have been awarded as well as 21 loan repayment grants.

Since the program's inception, 31 grant recipients have completed their contracts, providing a total of 66.5 years of obligated service. Of the total 31 recipients, 16 continue to practice in the same shortage area where they completed their obligation. The total years of retention following contract completion is almost 25 years. Fourteen scholarship recipients have completed their contracts providing a total of 28.5 years of obligated service. Thirteen of these 14 recipients continue practicing in the same service area. The total years of retention following contract completion for scholarship recipients is almost 12 years. The total number of years of service for both grant and scholarship awards is 244.5 years.

NURSE EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM					
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Awards</u>	
				<u>Grants</u>	<u>Scholarships</u>
1992-93	200,000	N/A			
1993-94	200,000	N/A			
1994-95	200,000	N/A			
1995-96	200,000	N/A			
1996-97	200,000	N/A			
1997-98	200,000	N/A			
1998-99	200,000	35,000	142,060		
1999-2000	200,000	35,000	104,000	12	7
2000-2001	178,700	35,000	299,206	20	4
Total	1,778,700	105,000	545,266	32	11

4.0 Additional Information

4.1 Funding History

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Financing	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Analyst
General Fund		200,000	200,000	190,900	190,400
Beginning Nonlapsing		265,595	227,941	233,300	181,200
Closing Nonlapsing		(227,941)	(233,277)	(181,200)	(134,800)
Total	\$0	\$237,654	\$194,664	\$243,000	\$236,800
Programs					
Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program		237,654	194,664	243,000	236,800
Total	\$0	\$237,654	\$194,664	\$243,000	\$236,800
Expenditures					
Personal Services		51,636	31,629	21,800	21,400
In-State Travel		1,574	1,431	2,400	2,400
Out of State Travel		500		500	500
Current Expense		183,831	161,543	217,900	212,100
DP Current Expense		113	61	400	400
Total	\$0	\$237,654	\$194,664	\$243,000	\$236,800
FTE/Other					
Total FTE			1	1	1