

## **Proposed funding for FY20 for Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program (HCWFAP)**

The Utah Department of Health Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) was awarded \$202,500 in Federal State Loan Repayment Program funding per year for four years (FY19 was the first year of the four). This federal funding is a dollar-for-dollar matching fund to be used in conjunction with state funding to repay a portion of student loan debt for medical professionals working with underserved populations in Utah.

**Award amount per profession** (*eligible for two equal payments over two years with two-year contract of employment*).

- Physician up to \$50,000.00
- Dentist up to \$50,000.00
- Mid-Level Clinicians up to \$30,000.00 (APRN, PA's, NP's, etc.)
- Nurse Educators up to \$30,000.00
- Mental Health Professional up to \$30,000.00
- Pharmacist up to \$30,000.00
- Nurses (BSN) up to \$20,000.00
- Nurses (RN) up to \$10,000.00
- Nurses (LPN) up to \$4,000.00

Applicants and employers are both required to submit an application to the OPCRH during an open-application period. Applicants are awarded based on the need for healthcare providers in the community, the population to be served, and other criteria as may be determined by the review committee.

There is no way to determine in advance how much of the allocated funding will be spent during a particular funding cycle. Program administrators must have at least one open enrollment period per funding cycle. If the amount awarded to applicants who meet program criteria exceeds level of funding, funding priority will be given to applicants working in the highest need geographical areas and/or serving the highest need populations. If funding requests fall below the level of funding, program administrators must have a second period of open enrollment in the funding year. To be eligible for this funding, applicants must apply within 18 months of their hire date.

### **Funding Request for FY20**

**Federal:** \$202,500\*

**State ongoing:** \$300,000

**State one-time:** \$250,000

*\*already awarded to the OPCRH, but requires matching state funding*