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FY 2001 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 to provide incentives to nursing students or recent graduates to contract to work in designated nursing-shortage areas, in exchange for financial assistance with loan repayments or tuition assistance.

	Analyst FY 2001 Base	Analyst FY 2001 Changes	Analyst FY 2001 Total
Financing			
General Fund	\$200,000		\$200,000
Beginning Non-lapsing	181,200		181,200
Closing Non-lapsing	(134,800)		(134,800)
Total	<u>\$246,400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$246,400</u>
Programs			
Nursing Education Financial Assistance	<u>\$246,400</u>		<u>\$246,400</u>
Total	<u>\$246,400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$246,400</u>
FTE	0.9		0.9

3.1 Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program

Recommendation The Analyst recommends a budget in the amount of \$246,400 for the Nurse Education Program for FY 2001. 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.

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	Est/Analyst
Financing	Actual	Estimated	Analyst	Difference
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
Beginning Non-lapsing	265,595	227,900	181,200	(46,700)
Closing Non-lapsing	(227,941)	(181,200)	(134,800)	46,400
Total	\$237,654	\$246,700	\$246,400	(\$300)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$51,636	\$37,600	\$37,300	(\$300)
In-State Travel	1,574	2,400	2,400	
Out of State Travel	500	500	500	
Current Expense	183,831	205,800	205,800	
DP Current Expense	113	400	400	
Total	\$237,654	\$246,700	\$246,400	(\$300)
FTE		0.9	0.9	

Purpose The Community Health Nursing (CHN) program administers the Nurse Education Financial Assistance Act, as provided by the Legislature in 1992. The Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program (NEFAP) provides scholarships and loan repayment grants for nurses in exchange for their agreement to work in needed nursing specialty areas or nursing shortage areas. The funds for the Nurse Education Financial Assistance Program are appropriated as a separate line item, as provided in 26-9d-9.

During FY 1999, the Nurse Financial Assistance Committee received 24 scholarship and 20 loan repayment applications. Of these, 13 scholarship and 13 grant contracts were signed. The program obligated \$106,025 in scholarship funds and \$76,280 in grant funds. The program expended \$55,890 for scholarships and \$104,374 for grants. Program administrative expenses were \$56,809, of which \$1,704 was expended for committee activities. During FY 1992, two contracts were cancelled, but no contracts were breached. Since the inception of the program (FY 1992), 58 scholarship contracts have been signed for a total of \$493,728 and 66 grant contracts have been signed for a total obligation of \$507,003.

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.

4.0 Additional Information

4.1 Funding History

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Analyst
Financing					
General Fund			\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Beginning Non-lapsing			265,595	227,900	181,200
Closing Non-lapsing			(227,941)	(181,200)	(134,800)
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$237,654</u>	<u>\$246,700</u>	<u>\$246,400</u>
% Change				3.8%	-0.1%
Programs					
Nursing Education Financial Assistance			\$237,654	\$246,700	\$246,400
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$237,654</u>	<u>\$246,700</u>	<u>\$246,400</u>
Expenditures					
Personal Services			\$51,636	\$37,600	\$37,300
In-State Travel			1,574	2,400	2,400
Out of State Travel			500	500	500
Current Expense			183,831	205,800	205,800
DP Current Expense			113	400	400
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$237,654</u>	<u>\$246,700</u>	<u>\$246,400</u>
FTE				0.9	0.9