

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
September 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Recommendations

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of university proposals for receiving LINE funds.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

During the 2022 session, the Florida Legislature established the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund in Senate Bill 2524. The Board of Governors is responsible for administering the LINE Fund for the State University System, including evaluating and approving proposals to participate in the program. The LINE Fund is intended to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and healthcare partners and to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing education programs, and increasing the number of nursing education program graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce.

Section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, requires that institutions have a nursing education program that meets or exceeds a first-time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination of at least 70 percent for the prior year to participate. Subject to available funds, for every dollar contributed to an institution by a healthcare partner, the fund shall provide a dollar-for-dollar match to the participating institution for approved proposals. The legislature provided \$6 million for State University System institutions for the LINE Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23. Funds may be used for student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, equipment, and simulation centers to advance high-quality nursing education programs throughout the state. Universities may not use the funds for the construction of new buildings.

The Board office sent out a request for LINE Fund proposals to the State University System institutions on June 1, 2022. Proposals were due by July 29, 2022, and six institutions submitted eleven proposals.

If approved by the Strategic Planning Committee, LINE proposals will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Strategic Planning Committee  
Materials