

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
November 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Recommendations, Second Round

PROPOSED COMMITTEE 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 cannot use the funds for the construction of new buildings.

The Board approved eleven requests for LINE funding at the September 13, 2022, meeting. The approved proposals totaled \$5,599,956, leaving \$400,044 available. Chair Levine requested that the Board office reopen the application and evaluate the quality of additional requests. The Board office allowed universities to submit new LINE requests from September 14, 2022, to September 30, 2022. The Board office received eleven new applications totaling \$2,124,800, exceeding the \$400,044 available. Board staff worked with the universities that submitted applications to develop a process for distributing funds.

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

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the LINE proposals received in September and recommended award amounts.

Supporting Documentation Included:

University LINE Fund Proposals
(2nd Round)

Facilitators/Presenters:

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