

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) 2023-24 Round Three Proposals

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of a third round of university proposals to receive 2023-24 LINE funds.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2023 session, the Florida Legislature allocated \$6 million to the State University System for the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The Board of Governors is responsible for administering the LINE Fund for the State University System, including evaluating and approving program participation proposals. 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 a healthcare partner contributes to an institution, the fund shall provide a dollar-for-dollar match to the participating institution for approved proposals. During the Fiscal Year 2022-23, the legislature allocated \$6 million to the Board to distribute to institutions' nursing programs. The Board then distributed all funds to eight institutions. The legislature provided \$6 million for State University System institutions for the LINE Fund in the Fiscal Year 2023-24. 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.

At the September 8, 2023, meeting, the Board authorized \$4,311,003 of funds to be distributed for 22 different round one proposals, leaving \$1,688,997 remaining for another allocation. At the November 9, 2023, meeting, the Board authorized \$975,000 of funds to be distributed for four round two proposals, leaving \$713,997 remaining for another allocation.

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

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Strategic Planning Committee
Materials