

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026-27 LINE Fund Proposals

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of 2026-27 LINE Fund proposals.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2026 session, the Florida Legislature allocated \$6 million to the State University System for the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund for Fiscal Year 2026-27. 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.

To participate in the program, 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 75 percent for the prior year, based on a minimum of 10 testing participants. 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. 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.

If approved by the Strategic Planning Committee, LINE Fund proposals will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. Ms. Emily Sikes, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the LINE Fund proposals.

Supporting Documentation Included:	2026-27 LINE Fund Proposals
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Facilitators/Presenters:	Ms. Emily Sikes
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