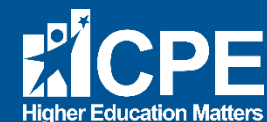




Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund Implementation Plan

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Purpose of HWIF

- Established in spring of 2023 by HB 200
- Public/private partnership
- Core objectives:
 - providing educational scholarships to students pursuing programs targeting critical workforce needs in healthcare professions (65% of funds)
 - recognizing and rewarding excellence among Kentucky healthcare professional education and training programs (35% of funds)

Statutes

[KRS 164.0401](#)

[KRS 164.0402](#)

[KRS 164.0403](#)

[KRS 164.0404](#)

Regulations

[13 KAR 5:010 – Healthcare Training Scholarships](#)

[13 KAR 5:020 – Healthcare Program Incentives](#)

HWIF Priorities – Healthcare Training Scholarships (65% of funds)

The General Assembly asks that the Council evaluate and prioritize awarding funds to partnership proposals that plans to:

1. Address the specific needs of a historically underserved county
2. Improve racial and ethnic diversity within a specific designated healthcare credential
3. Reduce the workforce demand of a specific eligible healthcare credential that is determined to be among the highest in demand in the state,
 1. Or from a healthcare partner with fifty or fewer employees.



HWIF Priorities – Healthcare Program Incentives (35% of funds)

The General Assembly asks that the Council evaluate and award incentive funds to programs based on:

1. Workforce demands and capacity for the credential
2. If/how the program is meeting healthcare workforce needs in an underserved county
3. And the passage rate of graduates of the program on the healthcare credential examination.



HWIF Steering Committee

CPE Representative & Committee Chair - LaDonna Rogers

Healthcare Industry Representatives

Dr. Cliff Maesaka – CEOc Chairman's Circle/Board Chair of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky

J.P. Hamm – Kentucky Hospital Association

Dr. Michael Muscarella – Baptist Health – Paducah

State Government Representatives

Beth Brinly – KY Education & Labor Cabinet

Dr. Vestena Robbins - KY Cabinet for Health & Family Services - Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

Beth Shafer - KY Cabinet for Health & Family Services – Department of Public Health

Postsecondary Education Representatives

Amy Mitchell Cowley – University of Kentucky College of Medicine

Dr. Kelli Selvage – Kentucky Community & Technical College System

Mason Dyer – Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges & Universities

Applications & Evaluation Process

Final evaluation criteria and priorities will be set by the HWIF Steering Committee and released on June 3, 2024 on CPE’s website.

Applications will open July 1, 2024 and close on August 15, 2024.

Evaluation Rubric: Healthcare Training Scholarships

Criteria	Points (100 total)
Supply/Demand of Credential	30 points
Focus on Increasing Diversity in Credential/Licensure Area	20 points
Geographic Area of Partnership	20 points
Size of Healthcare Partner	10 points
Dedication to Student Success	10 points
*Criteria to be selected by HWIF Steering Committee	10 points

Evaluation Rubric: Healthcare Program Incentives

Criteria	Points (100 total)
Supply/Demand of Credential	30 points
Geographic Area of Partnership	20 points
Dedication to Student Success	20 points
% Increase in Student Completion of Program	10 points
Graduates’ Passage Rate of Credential Examination	10 points
*Criteria to be selected by HWIF Steering Committee	10 points

HWIF Implementation Schedule

January 17, 2024	HWIF Implementation Plan Webinar
March 20, 2024	HWIF Steering Committee Meeting #1
May 22, 2024	HWIF Steering Committee Meeting #2
June 3, 2024	HWIF funding opportunities, priorities, submission form templates, and scoring rubrics are published on CPE website
July 1 – August 15, 2024	Submission period for HWIF partnership proposals and incentive awards
July 24, 2024	HWIF Steering Committee Meeting #3
August 16 – September 12, 2024	Evaluation period of HWIF partnership proposals and incentive awards
September 13, 2024	Award notices go out

Learn how your organization can benefit from Kentucky's Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund

Webinar: 1 p.m. ET, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024

Hosted by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

This event will inform healthcare leadership about the regulations and implementation plan for the Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund, which is a public/private partnership grant opportunity designed by Kentucky's legislature to support healthcare students and educational programs through scholarships and incentives.

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