



HEALTH PROFESSION OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

Authorized by the Affordable Care Act, the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) program provides education and training to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients and other low-income individuals for occupations in the health care field that pay well and are expected to experience labor shortages or be in high demand.

Program Participants

Grantee organizations define “other low-income individuals” and serve a wide range of participants including: people without a high school diploma or GED, incumbent workers, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients, and disadvantaged and at-risk youth.

Grantee Organizations

In 2010, five-year grant awards were made to 32 entities located across 23 states as a result of two Funding Opportunity Announcements. Awards were made to states, local workforce investment boards, institutions of higher education, community-based organizations, tribal councils and tribal colleges. HPOG is currently competing a new round of grants which will be awarded in September 2015.

Education and Training Programs

Program participants enroll in a variety of training and education programs that result in an employer or industry recognized certificate or degree. Training programs take place in a variety of settings and formats, including: traditional classrooms, the workplace and distance learning. Grantees are offering educational and training programs that may lead to more than 50 unique occupations, including those for nursing aides, orderlies and attendants, licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses and medical assistants.

Supportive Services

All grantees offer multiple supportive services, such as financial aid, child care and case management to encourage participants’ successful completion of training. They use grant funds for many of the supportive services and leverage non-grant resources for others. In some cases, grantees use a combination of funds if appropriate.

Consultation and Coordination

All grantees are required to coordinate with: state agencies responsible for administering the state TANF program; local workforce investment boards; state workforce investment boards and state apprenticeship agencies.

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Fiscal Year Budgets (\$M)

2013	\$80.67
2014	\$78.88
2015	\$85.00