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STATE FUNDS PROGRAMS THAT ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS

SACRAMENTO - The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) today announced \$69,700 in grants to support underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students pursuing health careers.

Through its "Health Careers – Framework for the Future Community-Based Training and Preparation Program," OSHPD funded programs that creatively combine education and service in one of four core areas: academic preparation, community service, cultural competency and case management/financial assistance for students pursuing or considering careers in health care.

"These grant awards will help us promote a diverse and competent health care workforce in California," said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle.

For these grants, OSHPD sought programs that:

- Support health care accessibility and a diverse and capable workforce by encouraging underrepresented students to pursue health care careers.
- Emphasize service in areas that are medically underserved due to geographic, cultural or linguistic isolation.

OSHPD hopes to sponsor additional grant opportunities in the future.

This project is funded by a grant from The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF). Created in 1992 as an independent, private foundation, TCWF's mission is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention programs. Grants were provided to:



Program	Location	Category	Amount
Scripps Mercy Hospital	Chula Vista	Cultural Competency	\$17,200
San Joaquin Valley Community College PA Program	Visalia	Case Management/ Financial Assistance	\$17,500
Young Native Scholars Bridges Program	San Diego	Community Service	\$17,500
California State University, Sacramento - Science Education Equity/Multicultural Organization of Science Students Program	Sacramento	Academic Preparation and Support	\$17,500

For more information about the grant awards, please contact OSHPD's Health Careers Training Program at (916) 651-9981 or log on to <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/professions/hctp.htm>.

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