

HF743 - 0 - "Health Prof Clinical Training Grant Prog"

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund	-	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>3,052</b>			<b>3,052</b>

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund	-	.25	.25	.25	.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.25</b>	<b>.25</b>	<b>.25</b>	<b>.25</b>

**Executive Budget Officer's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with MMB's Fiscal Note policies.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund	-	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>3,052</b>		<b>3,052</b>
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
General Fund	-	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,526</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>3,052</b>		<b>3,052</b>
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>				<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>

**Bill Description**

The bill creates a new grant program to support primary care and mental health professions clinical training programs. Grants of up to three years would be awarded to programs which train physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, and mental health professionals.

**Subdivision 1** defines the primary care and mental health professions clinical training programs eligible as accredited or candidate 1) advanced practice nursing, 2) clinical social work psychology, marriage and family therapy, and licensed professional clinical counseling, and 3) physician assistant programs. It defines eligible projects as those that establish or expand eligible training programs in the listed fields.

**Subdivision 2** authorizes planning grants of up to \$75,000 and three-year training grants of up to \$150,000 in the first year, \$100,000 in the second, and \$50,000 in the third. Implementation grant funding may support establishing or expanding clinical training; recruitment, training and retention of faculty; clinical training site placements; student travel and lodging; faculty, student and preceptor salaries, incentives or other support; cultural competency training development and implementation; evaluation; training site improvements, fees, equipment and supplies; and clinical education as part of a primary care team model.

**Subdivision 3** defines the application process, including the documentation and information required in an application to the Commissioner.

**Subdivision 4** directs the Commissioner to review applications for completeness, eligibility, and sustainability beyond the grant funding, the extent to which the project will increase access to primary care and mental health services for rural and underserved urban communities, and how the project would incorporate team-based primary care.

**Subdivision 5** instructs the Commissioner to determine amount of awards based on established criteria and available funds, and to require grantees to submit documentation and information necessary to evaluate the program. It ensures that appropriations do not cancel and are available until expended.

**Subdivision 6** lists a blank appropriation, as follows:

“\$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the purposes of the primary care and mental health professions clinical training expansion grant programs created in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1505.”

**Assumptions**

It is assumed that this grant program would be administered by the MDH Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, which administers similar programs.

MDH assumes 0.25 FTE to administer this new grant program. Grant administration activities will include: research, draft, and publish a Request for Proposal (RFP); review applications for eligibility and completeness; organize and facilitate a review committee of external stakeholders; encumber funds and contract with grantees; process invoices and progress reports; perform site visits; collect and analyze data and information to evaluate the program; provide significant technical assistance to applicants and grantees many of whom have little or no experience with state grants.

The legislation does not contain an amount for the appropriation so MDH is not able to make assumptions for the grant program, number of grants, or size of grants. However, this bill appears to be similar to the MDH Primary Care Residency Expansion grant program, which supports physician residency programs. The MDH Primary Care Residency Expansion grant program has maximum award limits identical to this bill, which translates to 5-7 grants per year. Grant contracts are written for up to three years.

If this program and appropriation were intended to be similar to the existing Primary Care Residency Expansion grant program, MDH would assume that a total grant appropriation of \$1.5 million, which would result in 15-20 grants per year, after full implementation in three years. The 0.25 FTE and additional cost assumptions in this fiscal note are in addition to an assumed amount of \$1.5 million for grants.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

FUND BACT	EXPENDITURES (dollars in thousands)	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
GF 1000 BACT 1	Salary and Fringe Benefits	-	22	22	22	22
	Other Operating Costs	-	1	1	1	1
	Grants	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Administrative Services	-	2	2	2	2
	<b>OR Indirect Cost</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	-	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>NET COST &lt;SAVINGS&gt;</b>	-	1,526	1,526	1,526	1,526

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

**Local Fiscal Impact**

**References/Sources**

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