# Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) Nursing Grant Programs, Funding, and Recommendations

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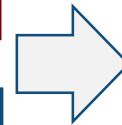Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People

# BHW Investments – Nursing

Interprofessional training and practice

Academic and clinical partnerships

Long-term clinical practice in community settings

Residency training

## Our Work in Action…

- BHW nurse training programs require new and innovative academic-clinical partnerships to ensure trainees are receiving long-term clinical practice opportunities

- In FY 2019, BHW awarded $17.7 million to 36 Nurse Practitioner (NP) residency programs to prepare new NPs to serve in rural and underserved communities

- Advanced Nursing Education Workforce–funded students received training in primary care settings (85%), MUCs (67%), and/or rural areas (48%)

- Nearly 60% of Advanced Nursing Education clinical training sites provided interprofessional education.

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# Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH)

DNPH administers and provides oversight of nursing, behavioral and public health workforce development programs
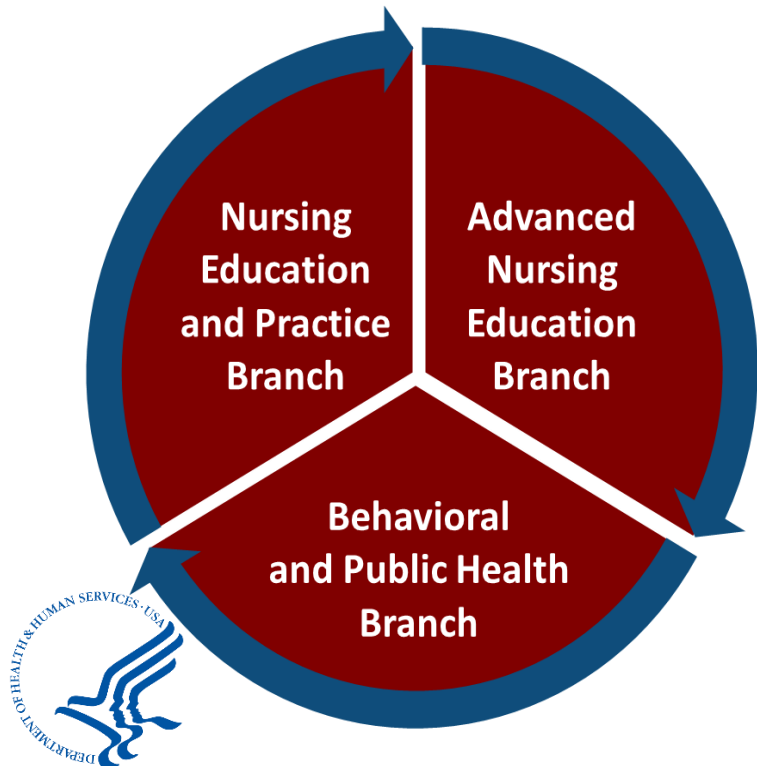


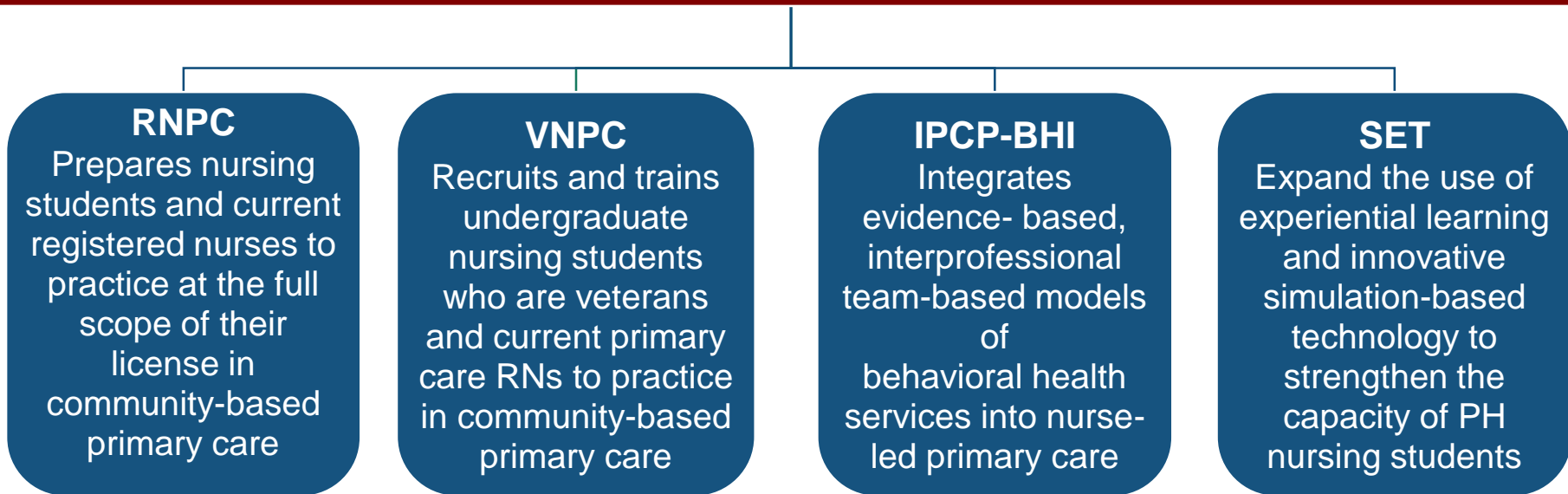| Annual Budget: $327.2M | FTEs: 35 |
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| **Awardees** | **Funding Mechanisms** |
| • Academic Institutions<br>• Clinical Facilities<br>• Community Partners | • Grants<br>• Cooperative Agreements<br>• Contracts |

## IMPACT

- Expanded academic-practice-community partnerships
- Enhancements to curriculum and clinical training
- Faculty development and other continuing education opportunities

# Nursing Education and Practice Programs

## Nurse Education Practice Quality and Retention (NEPQR)

**RNPC**
Prepares nursing students and current registered nurses to practice at the full scope of their license in community-based primary care

**VNPC**
Recruits and trains undergraduate nursing students who are veterans and current primary care RNs to practice in community-based primary care

**IPCP-BHI**
Integrates evidence- based, interprofessional team-based models of behavioral health services into nurse-led primary care

**SET**
Expand the use of experiential learning and innovative simulation-based technology to strengthen the capacity of PH nursing students

## Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD)

**NWD**
Provides educational opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds

**E2**
Increases the eldercare workforce in rural communities where there are health care disparities related to access and delivery of care

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# Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) Branch

## Advanced Nursing Education (ANE)

**Nurse Practitioner Residency Integration Program (NPRIP)**
Prepares new nurse practitioners for primary care in behavioral health practice in integrated, community-based settings

**Nurse Practitioner Residency (NPR) Program**
Supports clinical and academic focused 12-month NP Residency programs that prepare new NPs for primary care practice in community-based settings.

**Workforce (ANEW) Program**
Supports innovative academic-practice partnerships to prepare primary care APRN students to practice in rural and underserved settings.

**Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) Program**
Supports academic-practice partnerships to train APRNs within primary care programs at rural and/or underserved sites.

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE)**
Increases the number of RNs, APRNs and FNs, trained and certified as sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) in communities.

**Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT)**
Provides quality training to prepare students to serve as an integral part of the anesthesia and pain management team.
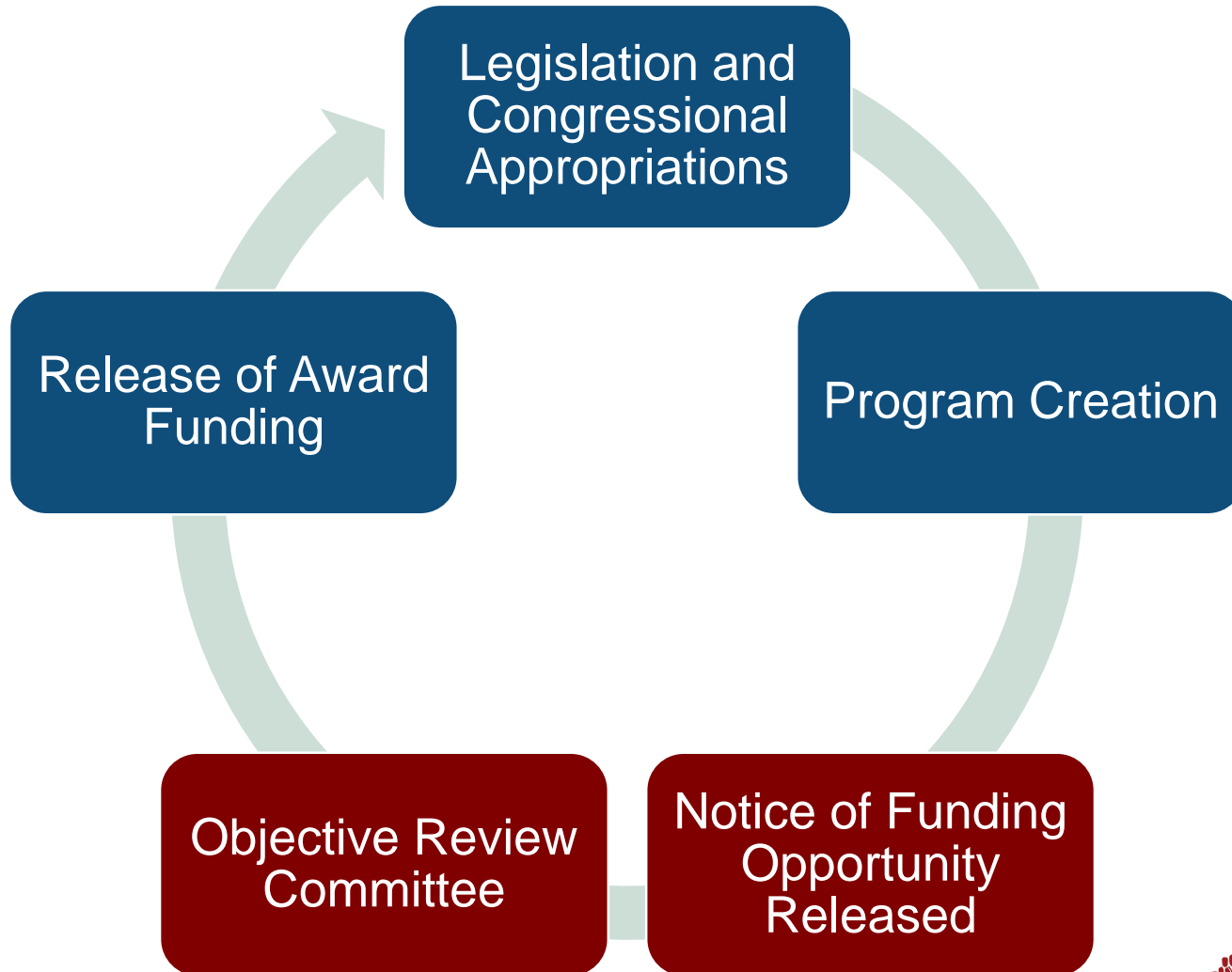
**Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)**
Increases the number of qualified nursing faculty by supporting schools of nursing.

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# Grant Funding Process

# Grant Funding Cycle

# Grant Writing Tips: Responsive Applications

# Things to Keep in Mind Before You Start:

- **Grants.gov** – Instructions and Due Date - late applications are not considered!
- **Obtain Unique Entity Identifier** (UEI/DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM)
- **SF-424 Application Guide** – How to Apply
- **Special Instructions**
- **Instructions** for Budget, Budget Justification, funding restrictions, Staffing Plan, Personnel Requirements, Assurances, Certifications and Abstract – Must be compliant
- **Application Page Limit** – Applications over limit will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered!
- **Ceiling-Summary of Funding-** Applications that exceed the ceiling amount will not be considered for funding

# Responsive Applications: Abstract

➢ Provide a summary of the application.
➢ It must include a brief description of the proposed project including the needs to be addressed, the proposed services, and the population group(s) to be served
➢ Please include at the top of the abstract:
  ➢ Project Title
  ➢ Applicant Organization Name
  ➢ Address
  ➢ Project Director Name
  ➢ Contact info: Phone Numbers, E-Mail Address, etc.
  ➢ If requesting a funding preference, priority, or special consideration as outlined NOFO please indicate here.
  ➢ Please consult the program-specific FOA for additional requirements.
➢ The project abstract must be single-spaced and limited to one page in length.

# Responsive Applications: Project Narrative

The Project Narrative includes*:

➢ **Purpose and Need**
➢ **Response to Program Purpose**
- Methodology/Approach
- Work Plan/
- Resolution of Challenges

➢ **Impact**
- Evaluation and Technical Support Capacity
- Project Sustainability

➢ **Organizational Information, Resources, and Capability**
➢ **Budget and Budget Justification Narrative**

# Responsive Applications: Review Criteria*

**I.** **Purpose and Need**

**II.** **Response to Program Purpose**

    a) Work plan

    b) Methodology

    c) Resolutions of Challenges

**III.** **Impact**

    a) Evaluation and Technical Support Capacity

    b) Project Sustainability

**IV.** **Organizational Information, Resources, and Capabilities**

**V.** **Support Requested**

# Responsive Applications: Attachments

➢ **Must be included in order to have a responsive application***

➢ **Any forms included in the attachments must be completed correctly – ask for TA from Program Officer.**

➢ **Responsive Applications Attachments**
  - Label
  - Use a recognizable file extensions (see Application Guide)
  - 15-max number allowed
  - Included in page limit

# Responsive Applications: Budget

➢ **Submit line-item budget and budget justification for all years of funding request***

➢ **Responsive Applications Budget**

- Follow instructions – see SF-424 R&R Application Guide

- See NOFO for specific instructions

- DO NOT exceed the ceiling amount

- Included in page limit

- Complete forms correctly

- Seek Technical Assistance (TA) from Grants Management Specialist

# Responsive Application: Good vs. Funded

| Good Application | Funded Application |
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| Explains Problem or need | Explains problem or need and what the organization plans on doing to fix it throughout the application |
| Has a lot of information but isn't organized | Has a lot of information, but the proposal flows and is easy to read and understand |
| Not enough information on collaborations, staff, objectives, and aligns with purpose or intent of the grant program and its connection with the proposed project | Describes current/planned collaborations, provides information on staff needed, clearly defines objectives that align with the purpose and intent of the proposed project and the purpose and intent of the grant program |
| Gaps in response to the review criteria | Responds to all the review criteria |
| Final review by creator | Reviewed by others |

# Top Mistakes When Applying for a Grant

- **Time:** Application is rejected for "fixable" errors, but the applicant didn't leave enough time to correct before the deadline

- **Applicant** does not address the Need in the NOFO

- **Responds** with a list of activities, but does not tie these activities to the overall application

- **Data:** Applicant leaves areas of the application blank, incomplete, or is using outdated data

- **Attachments:** Missing or incomplete attachments

- **Exceeds Limits**: Applicant exceeds page limit and or budget ceiling

# Grant Application Writing Resources

➤ Attend the program specific NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar

➤ Reach out to the program specific Project Officer and Grants Management Specialist for TA

➤ View HRSA Grant webcasts and various other informative presentations on You Tube (search HRSA grants)

- Tips for Writing & Submitting Good Grant Proposals
- The HRSA Grants Life Cycle and Process
- Navigating and Preparing a HRSA Application
- Debunk the Myths Video Series – HRSA Competitive Application Objective Review Process

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# Additional Resources

**For more information on Nursing grants visit:**

**https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-grant#nursing**

**How to prepare your application**

**https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply-for-a-grant/prepare-your-application**

**HRSA YouTube Channel**

**https://www.youtube.com/user/HRSAtube**

# Questions

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