

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: MINI GRANTS PROGRAM PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN HEALTH CARE

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) has announced its annual Mini Grants Program for a total of \$470,000. This program's objective is to help develop a more culturally and linguistically competent healthcare workforce for Californians by encouraging underrepresented and disadvantaged groups to pursue health careers.

Organizations sponsoring programs that encourage diversity in the health professions can apply for funding through the annual Request for Applications ([RFA](#)) process. This year the OSHPD will accept applications from two categories:

1. Health Career Conferences and/or Workshops – approximately 20 awards are available for up to \$12,000 each.
2. Health Career Exploration – approximately 15 awards are available for up to \$15,000 each.

A portion of this year's applications will also be funded by the *Mental Health Services Act*; *Workforce Education and Training Program*, which works to expose students to careers in mental/behavioral health careers; *The California Endowment*, for programs located in one of the 14 designated communities or designated counties of the Central Valley; and the *California State Office of Rural Health* for programs serving a rural area and/or serving migrant/seasonal farmworkers or spouses, legal partners and/or children of migrant/seasonal farmworkers.

The RFA is now available and has been posted on the [Mini Grants Program](#) webpage. Applications are due by February 20, 2015.

For more information, please contact Jalaunda Granville, Program Administrator, at 916-326-3711 or HCTP@oshpd.ca.gov.

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