

**Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development**  
**Song-Brown Primary Care Residency Program**  
 2016 Budget Act Implementation Strategy  
 July 2016

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) received through the 2016 Budget Act a one-time General Fund augmentation of \$33.3 million to support primary care residencies in areas of unmet need throughout California. The state's spending plan assumes a total augmentation of \$100 million General Fund over three years pending available resources. This funding augmentation is contingent on federal approval of the Hospital Quality Assurance Fee. This implementation strategy assumes federal approval of the fee by January 1, 2017. If the fee is not approved by January 1, 2017, OSHPD will adjust its implementation strategy accordingly.

OSHPD's Healthcare Workforce Development Division (HWDD) will administer the funds through the Song-Brown Program. The 2016 Budget Act provides authority to use unspent funds over an additional five years. The 2016 Budget Act allocates \$33.3 million General Fund to the Song-Brown Program for the following purposes:

- Up to \$18.7 million to fund grant awards at existing primary care residency slots
- Up to \$5.7 million to fund primary care residency slots at existing Teaching Health Centers
- Up to \$3.3 million to fund new primary care residency slots at existing programs
- Up to \$3.3 million to fund newly accredited primary care residency programs
- Up to \$2.0 million to administer the program at OSHPD

The Song-Brown Program is well positioned to administer these funds. Over the past several years HWDD, the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission (CHWPC), and stakeholders have worked together to develop a program that supports primary care residencies. Once the Hospital Quality Assurance Fee receives federal approval, the Song-Brown Program anticipates releasing applications in April or May 2017. The Song-Brown Program has planned the following activities to ensure we are fully prepared to administer these funds:

Time Period	Activities
July and August 2016	Contact advocates, Teaching Health Centers, primary residency programs, and other stakeholders to assess needs
August 2016	Begin hiring staff to administer funding augmentation
October 2016	Make recommendations to the CHWPC about simplifying the application and review processes
October 2016	Begin outreach to stakeholders
January 2016	Make recommendations to the CHWPC about the level and structure of primary care residency awards
February and March 2017	Develop applications and modify information technology systems
March 2017	The National Resident Matching Program completes its residency matching process. The Song-Brown primary care residency applications require information from this process
May 2017	Begin releasing primary care residency applications
FY 2017-18	Award first round of funding for all four allocation components*

\*Depending on federal approval of the fee, OSHPD may release applications and award funds to newly accredited primary care residency programs prior to Fiscal Year 2017-18.