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(916) 654-1606**Governor Schwarzenegger Announces \$3 Million in Grants to Improve and Expand Nursing School Programs**

Continuing his efforts to address California's medical professional shortage, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today awarded \$3 million in grants to 16 different California nursing schools. The funds, eligible under the Song-Brown Act and administered by OSHPD through the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission, will help nursing schools attract and educate additional nursing students across the state.

"As we focus on reforming California's broken health care system, we must ensure that we have the workforce to meet the growing demand for nurses. These grants will help expand enrollment in nursing programs and attract students from within the communities the nursing programs serve," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "Our goal is to increase nursing school opportunities, particularly in medically underserved communities, and improve the training of nurses so they can provide the highest quality of care."

The following nursing schools received awards:

University of California, Irvine \$364,956
Mount St. Mary's College \$273,180
California State University, East Bay \$240,000
California State University, Bakersfield \$240,000
University of San Diego, Hahn School of Nursing \$240,000
Riverside City College \$200,000
College of the Canyons \$200,000
Fresno City College \$200,000
Merritt College \$200,000
Merced College \$125,000
Santa Ana College of Nursing \$125,000
San Diego State University \$124,995
California State University, Long Beach \$124,950
California State University, Fresno \$124,905
Victor Valley Community College \$123,396
Azusa Pacific University \$100,000

The [Song-Brown program](#) was established to increase the number of family practice physicians, physician assistants, family nurse practitioners and registered nurses being trained in the state to provide needed medical services to Californians.

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown program has awarded more than \$18 million to various programs.