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**Gov. Schwarzenegger Awards almost \$2.5 Million for Physician Training**

Sacramento - To meet the growing demand for health care practitioners throughout California, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today awarded nearly \$2.5 million to 26 family practice residency training programs. The awards are administered through the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's (OSHPD) Song-Brown program. Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office, he has awarded more than \$12 million in Song-Brown funds to family practice residency training programs.

"In order to achieve my goal for high quality, affordable and accessible health care for all Californians, we must have enough trained medical professionals to meet increasing demands. These awards will help ease our growing health care workforce shortage," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

The following family practice residency training programs received awards:

Kern Medical Center	\$17,205
UCSD Combined Family Medicine-Psychiatry	\$34,410
UCSF-Fresno	\$34,410
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital	\$51,615
San Jose – O'Connor Hospital	\$51,615
Glendale Adventist Medical Center	\$51,615
Natividad Medical Center	\$51,615
UC Davis	\$51,615
Northridge Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Stanislaus Family Medicine	\$51,615
Kaiser Permanente – Orange	\$68,820
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	\$68,820
Sutter Medical Center, Santa Rosa	\$68,820
Long Beach Memorial	\$68,820
Mercy Medical Center, Merced	\$103,230
UC Irvine	\$103,230
Mercy Medical Center, Redding	\$103,230
Loma Linda University	\$103,230
Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista	\$103,230
USC-California Hospital Medical Center	\$137,640
UC Los Angeles	\$154,845
UCSF-San Francisco General Hospital	\$154,845
White Memorial Medical Center	\$189,255
County of Ventura	\$189,255
Harbor – UCLA Medical Center	\$206,460
Contra Costa County Health Services	\$206,460

The Song-Brown program was established by the Health Care Workforce Training Act to increase the number of family practice physicians and physician assistants trained to provide needed medical services to the people of California. OSHPD works in conjunction with the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission to award Song-Brown program funding. Family nurse practitioners were added to the Song-Brown program in 1978, and in 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger expanded the program to include registered nurses.

For more information about the Song-Brown program, please contact the program at (916) 653-0733, or visit <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm>.