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**GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ANNOUNCES \$2.7 MILLION FOR REGISTERED
 NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
 PROGRAMS BOOST HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS**

SACRAMENTO – Helping the state's economy by increasing California's healthcare workforce, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today awarded more than \$2.7 million to expand registered nurse education programs in California. The funds were made available through the Song-Brown program, which is administered by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

"These programs help nursing students by providing them more opportunities to pursue careers in nursing and help communities by directing more services to medically underserved areas across the state," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This is also a part of my long term commitment to address California's nursing shortages by helping to expand nursing programs and improve the supply of qualified nurses in our state."

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown program has awarded almost \$29 million to health professions education and training programs throughout California.

The following nursing programs received awards:

California State University, Fresno	\$364,947
Los Angeles County College	\$287,500
Riverside City College	\$273,046
California State University, East Bay	\$240,000
Merritt College	\$200,000
College of the Canyons	\$200,000
Fresno City College	\$200,000
Grossmont College	\$125,000
California State University, Long Beach	\$87,457
California State University, Channel Islands	\$84,000
Azusa Pacific University	\$84,000
Mount St. Mary's College	\$84,000
National University	\$84,000
Dominican University of California	\$84,000
American University of Health Sciences	\$84,000
Copper Mountain College	\$80,000
College of the Siskiyous	\$80,000
Victor Valley Community College	\$80,000

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

For more information on the program, visit

<http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm>.