



Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund

Kentucky, along with other states, recognized healthcare workforce shortages during the 2023 legislative session in part by establishing the Kentucky Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund (HWIF), which is a public-private partnership to provide healthcare training scholarships for Kentucky resident students and incentives to reward performance and excellence among healthcare professional programs. During the 2024 legislative session, HWIF was appropriated \$10 million to match private dollars across the biennium, with \$7 million of being designated for the first year and \$3 million for the second year.

With the appropriation, HWIF aims to enhance financial support for students, prioritize underserved geographic areas, improve racial and ethnic diversity within healthcare fields, and strengthen partnerships between educational institutions and healthcare providers across Kentucky.

Healthcare Training Program Incentive Fund Award

Through HWIF, CPE was able to award a \$150,000 incentive fund award to ECU's School of Nursing. The private portion of this award (\$75,000) was donated by Humana. This award recognizes the strength of ECU's program and their dedication to student success. The funds can be used to invest in the continued excellence of the program by funding the (a) education, recruitment, and training of the healthcare program's faculty and staff; or (b) maintenance and acquisition of medical equipment utilized by the healthcare program.

Healthcare Training Scholarship Partnership Proposal Awards

During the first year of HWIF, 46 healthcare training scholarship partnership proposals were awarded funding, totaling a public/private investment of \$13,290,000 for healthcare training scholarships. A total of 27 healthcare partners invested in a HWIF partnership and 35 healthcare training programs across 21 institutions/training sites were awarded funds. The awarded funds will provide full-tuition scholarships for one or two years to an estimated 794 Kentucky students.

The following sections provide a summary of the impact made so far through the healthcare training scholarship partnership proposal awards.

Summary of the 2024 Healthcare Training Scholarship Partnership Proposal Awards

Proposal Submission Overview

Total Proposals Submitted: 51
Number of Eligible Proposals: 47
Number of Proposals Awarded Funding: 46

Student Impact

Number of students receiving full-tuition scholarships: 794

Award Breakdown

Total dollars awarded: \$13,290,000

Largest Awards

- University of Louisville, BSN - \$4,880,000
- Bellarmine University, Nurse Anesthesia Program - \$1,000,000
- Northern Kentucky University, BSN - \$1,000,000

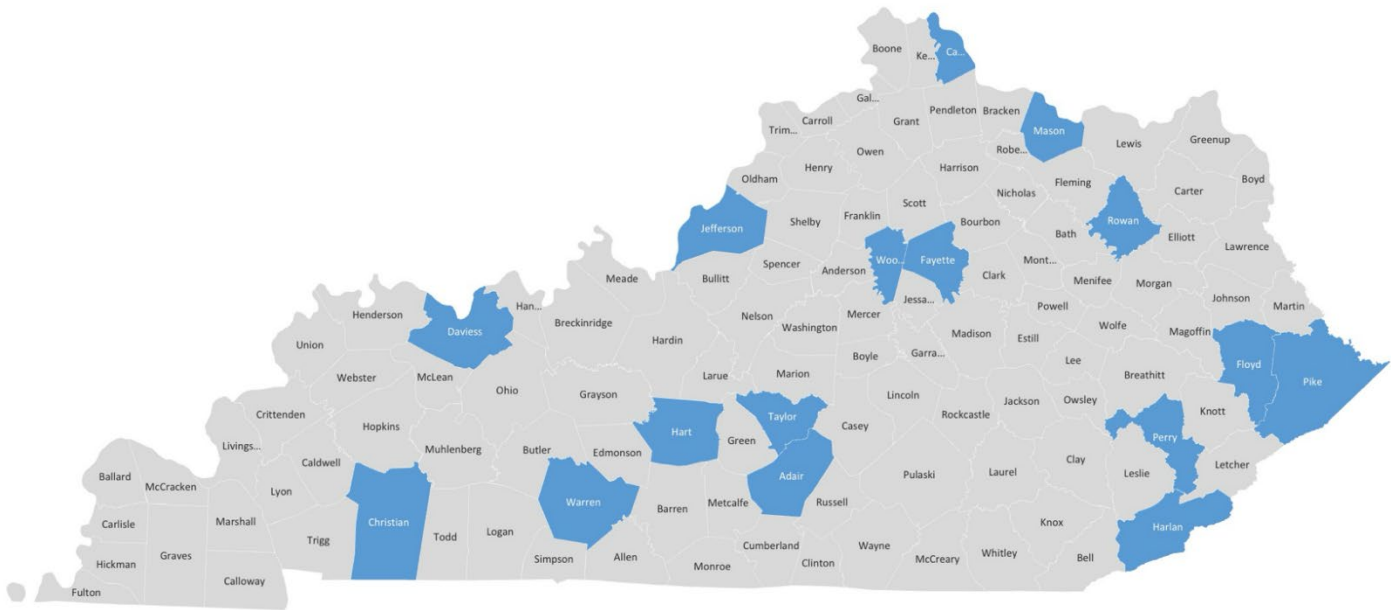
Smallest Awards

- Bluegrass Community & Technical College, Paramedicine - \$11,474
- Central Kentucky Paramedic Education Consortium - \$11,214
- Southcentral Kentucky CTC, AAS in Radiography- \$10,000

Breakdown by Institutional Type

- **KCTCS**
 - 13 healthcare training programs awarded across 7 institutions
 - \$1,567,474 awarded (12% of total)
- **4-Year Public Universities**
 - 12 healthcare training programs awarded across 5 institutions
 - \$9,802,424 awarded (74% of total)
- **AIKCU Institutions**
 - 6 healthcare training programs awarded across 5 institutions
 - \$1,357,332 awarded (10% of total)
- **Independent EMS Training Programs**
 - 4 healthcare training programs awarded
 - \$562,770 awarded (4% of total)

Geographic Distribution of Healthcare Training Programs Awarded Funded



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Breakdown by Healthcare Training Program

Program	Institution(s)
EMS/Paramedicine Total Awarded: \$574,244 Intended Student Impact: 67	Bluegrass Community & Technical College Bridge Valley Community & Technical College - Rowan Co. Central KY Paramedicine Consortium Hart Co. Ambulance Service – EMT Immersion Program Hopkinsville/Christian Co. Paramedicine Program
Licensed Practice Nursing Total Awarded: \$185,000 Intended Student Impact: 10	Hazard Community & Technical College Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College
Associate Degree Nursing Total Awarded: \$1,214,700 Intended Student Impact: 79	Big Sandy Community & Technical College Campbellsville University Hazard Community & Technical College Morehead State University Midway University Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College Southeast Community & Technical College University of Pikeville
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Total Awarded: \$7,698,008 Intended Student Impact: 455	Lindsey Wilson College Morehead State University University of Kentucky University of Louisville Western Kentucky University

Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) Total Awarded: \$1,000,000 Intended Student Impact: 9	Bellarmine University
AAS in Nuclear Medicine Technology Total Awarded: \$35,000 Intended Student Impact: 5	Hazard Community & Technical College
AAS in Physical Therapy Asst. Total Awarded: \$141,000 Intended Student Impact: 8	Maysville Community & Technical College Southeast Community & Technical College
AAS in Radiography Total Awarded: \$490,320 Intended Student Impact: 20	Campbellsville University Morehead State University Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College Owensboro Community & Technical College
BS in Radiologic Science Total Awarded: \$720,000 Intended Student Impact: 72	Northern Kentucky University
AAS in Respiratory Therapy Total Awarded: \$100,000 Intended Student Impact: 5	Maysville Community & Technical College
BS in Respiratory Care Total Awarded: \$300,000 Intended Student Impact: 30	Northern Kentucky University
Bachelor of Science in Social Work Total Awarded: \$147,012 Intended Student Impact: 6	Western Kentucky University
Master of Science in Social Work Total Awarded: \$551,184 Intended Student Impact: 28	Northern Kentucky University Western Kentucky University

Healthcare Partners



Murray-Calloway Co.
EMS

Boyle Co. EMS



Rowan Co. EMS



BAPTIST HEALTH



Madison Co. EMS



Somerset-Pulaski Co.
EMS



Campbellsville-Taylor Co.
EMS

