



## **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, 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 three rounds of HWIF, 74 healthcare training scholarship partnership proposals were awarded funding, totaling a public/private investment of \$17,652,790 for healthcare training scholarships. A total of 39 healthcare partners invested in a HWIF partnership and 44 healthcare training programs across 24 institutions/training sites were awarded funds. The awarded funds will provide full-tuition scholarships for one or two years to an estimated 1,019 Kentucky students.

Of the 39 healthcare partners, 11 have 50 or fewer employees.

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

## **Summary of the 2024-2025 Healthcare Training Scholarship Partnership Proposal Awards**

### **Proposal Submission Overview**

**Total Proposals Submitted:** 80

**Number of Eligible Proposals:** 76

**Number of Proposals Awarded Funding:** 74

### **Student Impact**

Number of students receiving full-tuition scholarships: 1,019

### **Award Breakdown**

**Total dollars awarded:** \$17,652,790

### **Largest Awards**

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

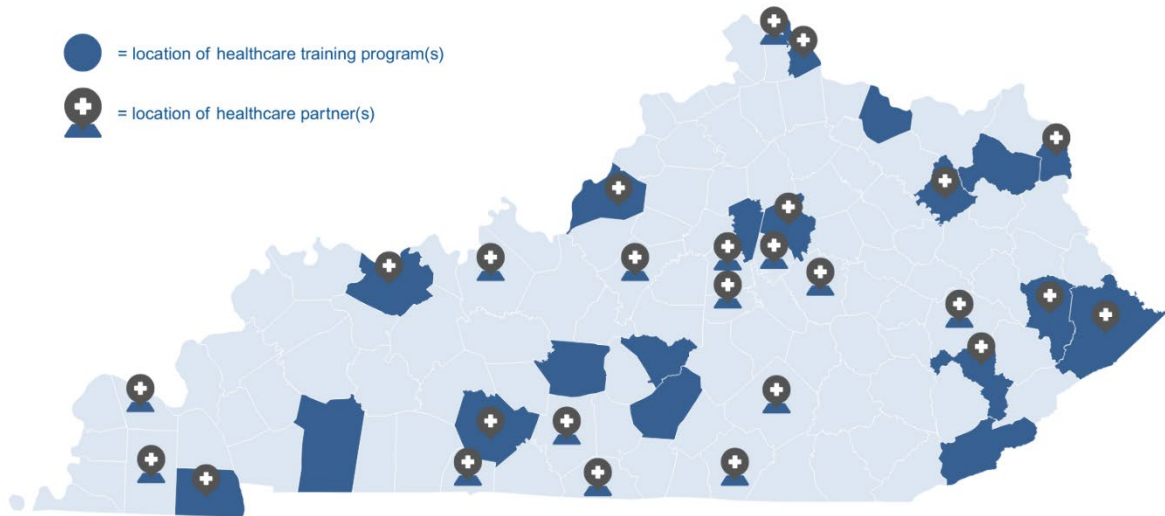
### **Smallest Awards**

- Central Kentucky Paramedic Education Consortium - \$11,214
- Southcentral Kentucky CTC, AAS in Radiography- \$10,000
- Hopkinsville-Christian Co. EMS Paramedicine Program - \$10,000

### **Breakdown by Institutional Type**

- **KCTCS**
  - 15 healthcare training programs awarded across 8 institutions
  - \$1,903,474 awarded (11% of total)
- **4-Year Public Universities**
  - 16 healthcare training programs awarded across 6 institutions
  - \$12,680,874 awarded (72% of total)
- **AIKCU Institutions**
  - 9 healthcare training programs awarded across 6 institutions
  - \$2,457,672 awarded (14% of total)
- **Independent EMS Training Programs**
  - 3 healthcare training programs awarded
  - \$662,244 awarded (3% of total)

## Geographic Distribution of Healthcare Training Programs & Partners Awarded Funded



### Student Impact by Institution

Ashland Community & Technical College - 36  
 Bellarmine University - 19  
 Big Sandy Community & Technical College - 15  
 Bluegrass Community & Technical College - 3  
 Campbellsville University - 7  
 Central Kentucky Paramedic Education Consortium - 1

Hart Co. EMT Immersion Program - 4  
 Hazard Community & Technical College - 20  
 Hopkinsville-Christian Co. Paramedicine Program - 64  
 Kentucky Christian University - 6  
 Lindsey Wilson College - 3  
 Maysville Community & Technical College - 10

Midway University - 8  
 Morehead State University - 69  
 Murray State University - 19  
 Northern Kentucky University - 220  
 Owensboro Community & Technical College - 5  
 Southcentral Community & Technical College - 79

Southeast Community & Technical College - 13  
 University of Kentucky - 53  
 University of Louisville - 250  
 University of Pikeville - 2  
 Western Kentucky University - 112

## Breakdown by Healthcare Training Program

Program	Institution(s)
<b>EMS/Paramedicine</b> Total Awarded: \$662,244 Intended Student Impact: 75	Bluegrass Community & Technical College Bridge Valley Community & Technical College - Rowan Co. Central KY Paramedicine Consortium Hopkinsville/Christian Co. Paramedicine Program
<b>Licensed Practice Nursing</b> Total Awarded: \$185,000 Intended Student Impact: 10	Hazard Community & Technical College Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College
<b>Associate Degree Nursing</b> Total Awarded: \$1,738,700 Intended Student Impact: 153	Ashland Community & Technical College Big Sandy Community & Technical College Campbellsville University Hazard Community & Technical College Midway University Morehead State University Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College Southeast Community & Technical College University of Pikeville

<b>Bachelor of Science in Nursing</b> Total Awarded: \$10,139,018 Intended Student Impact: 528	Bellarmine University Kentucky Christian University Lindsey Wilson College Morehead State University Murray State University University of Kentucky University of Louisville Western Kentucky University
<b>Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA)</b> Total Awarded: \$1,202,000 Intended Student Impact: 11	Bellarmine University
<b>AAS in Nuclear Medicine Technology</b> Total Awarded: \$35,000 Intended Student Impact: 5	Hazard Community & Technical College
<b>Physician Assistant</b> Total Awarded: Intended Student Impact:	
<b>AAS in Physical Therapy Asst.</b> Total Awarded: \$141,000 Intended Student Impact: 8	Maysville Community & Technical College Southeast Community & Technical College
<b>AAS in Radiography</b> Total Awarded: \$734,320 Intended Student Impact: 44	Ashland Community & Technical College Campbellsville University Morehead State University Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College Owensboro Community & Technical College
<b>BS in Radiologic Science/Imaging Sciences</b> Total Awarded: \$1,020,000 Intended Student Impact: 92	Morehead State University Northern Kentucky University
<b>AAS in Respiratory Therapy</b> Total Awarded: \$100,000 Intended Student Impact: 5	Maysville Community & Technical College
<b>BS in Respiratory Care</b> Total Awarded: \$300,000 Intended Student Impact: 30	Northern Kentucky University

<b>MS in Respiratory Therapy</b> Total Awarded: \$78,400 Intended Student Impact: 2	Bellarmine University
<b>Bachelor of Science in Social Work</b> Total Awarded: \$147,012 Intended Student Impact: 6	Western Kentucky University
<b>Master of Science in Social Work</b> Total Awarded: \$676,184 Intended Student Impact: 38	Northern Kentucky University Western Kentucky University

## Healthcare Partners

