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FROM: Anthony Cordova, Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development

RE: Nursing Enrollment Growth and Retention Grant – Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 Allocation

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the Nursing Enrollment Growth and Retention grant allocation for FY 2026–27 and to provide planning and reporting timelines.

2026–27 Funding Allocations per Budget Act of 2026

The Budget Act of 2026 outlines the funding available for the Nursing Enrollment Growth and Retention grant in 2026–27 as follows:

- \$13,378,000 shall be available to support the nursing program.
 - A three percent set-aside is held back from the full allocation.
 - \$12,976,660 is available for allocation¹. There were additional funds of \$53,842 available from previous years, bringing the total allocation amount to \$13,030,502.

2026–27 Funding Formula

The allocation formula for 2026–27 remains the same as 2025–26. It is based on student count, completion rate, retention rate, NCLEX pass rate, percentage of fiscal reports completed, percentage of 2024–25 funds expended, and whether the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program is in a high-needs area.

¹ Awards are subject to the availability of state funds upon the approval of the Budget Act.

As in 2025–26, programs are not separated into Growth or Retention categories; a single formula is used for all colleges. The Chancellor’s Office will continue gradual adjustments to the formula, and no college will receive a reduction greater than 15% from its prior year allocation (excluding one-time funds).

Table 1: Nursing Performance Metrics

Funding allocations are based on the following performance metrics.

Metric Type	Metric
Students Served	The total number of ADN students served.
Retention Rate	The overall retention rate of the program.
Completion Rate	The percentage of students who completed an ADN program.
NCLEX First-Time Pass Rate	The percentage of students who passed their NCLEX exam on first attempt.
Percentage of Fiscal Reports Completed	The percentage of required fiscal reports completed for 2024–25.
Percentage of 2024–25 Funds Expended	The percentage of funds expended for 2024–25.
Located in a High-Needs Area	Programs identified as being located in an underserved nursing area or region based on this high-needs map .

Program Planning

The grant term is 24 months and is expected to run July 1, 2026–June 30, 2028. Colleges will need to submit a 2026–27 workplan and budget in NOVA by Aug. 28, 2026, detailing how they intend to use the funds. The FY 2026–27 plans will be available in NOVA starting on July 1, 2026.

Use of Funds

The grant is intended to supplement the activities of the college’s ADN program. Per [\[Education Code Section 78261\(d\)\]](#), funds may be used for all the following activities:

- i.** Increasing annual student admission in nursing programs.
- ii.** Enhancing student services to reduce attrition and increase completion, including providing supportive services to enrolled nursing students. For purposes of this section, supportive services include, but are not limited to, tutoring, case management, mentoring, and counseling services. Funds may also be used to develop

alternative delivery models such as part-time, evening, weekend, and summer program offerings.

- iii. Offer pre-entry coursework and provide diagnostic assessments to prospective nursing students.

The Chancellor’s Office reserves the right to adjust the distribution of funding.

Reporting Requirements

Grantees are expected to fulfill legislative requirements by maintaining and reporting required data and expenditures [Education Code Section 78261(g) (1-8) and (h) (1-2)]. Funds must be either expended or encumbered (i.e., committed to an account payable) by the end of each performance period as specified in this memo. Grantees must notify the Chancellor’s Office if funds cannot be spent or encumbered by the end of the annual performance period. If the grantee does not notify the Chancellor’s Office, unencumbered funds may be recovered.

For continued eligibility, it is the requirement of grantees to submit project updates and expenditure data to the State in a timely, thorough, and accurate manner. Refer to the timeline below for fiscal report due dates. Failure to submit semiannual reports and/or expenditures less than 50% by July 31, 2027, could result in closer program monitoring and/or reduction of funding. The Chancellor’s Office reserves the right to delay distribution of funds until colleges are up to date on previous fiscal reports.

Expenditures and updates must be submitted in the NOVA system. Final report narrative and a final report of expenditures are due in the NOVA system by Aug. 31, 2028.

Table 2: July 2026–June 2028 (24 months) NOVA Reporting Dates

Report #	NOVA Due Date	Period of Coverage
1	Jan. 31, 2027	July 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2026
2	July 31, 2027	Jan. 1, 2027, through June 30, 2027
3	Jan. 31, 2028	July 1, 2027, through Dec. 31, 2027
4	July 31, 2028	Jan. 1, 2028, through June 30, 2028
5	Aug. 31, 2028	Final Report of Expenditures

Note: There will be an overlap in the reports. Colleges are advised to keep their annual allocations separate as each allocation requires its own fiscal report and workplan update.

Statement of Assurances

The colleges assure, understand, and may assist the State in meeting the requirements of the Enrollment Growth and Retention Nursing Program grant, pursuant to [Title 3, [Division 7, Article 3.52. Nursing Students, Education Code Section 78261](#) (SB 139, Statutes of 2007)]. By submitting a work plan and budget in NOVA, colleges understand and agree to follow the statement of assurances as outlined in NOVA.

2026–27 Allocation Table

Appendix A following this memo details the correct allocations for 2026–27 by district and college.

Office Hours

Technical assistance will be provided to colleges. A training video demonstrating how to complete the application will be released on July 6, 2026. If additional technical assistance is needed after reviewing the video, participants are encouraged to attend the monthly office hours listed below. To register, click on the link below:

- Office hours are held every fourth Tuesday of the month. Next office hours are scheduled for:
 - **Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 3 p.m.**
 - Registration link [here](#).

Questions

Please submit any questions about this funding allocation to NursingApps@CCCCO.edu.

Appendix A: 2026–27 Allocation

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Region	College	Allocation
South Central Coast	Allan Hancock College	\$131,784
North	American River College	\$187,542
South Central Coast	Antelope Valley College	\$208,764
Central Valley-Mother Lode	Bakersfield College	\$392,251
Far North	Butte College	\$356,955
Bay Area (Bay 2)	Cabrillo College	\$131,784
Los Angeles (LA)	Cerritos College	\$142,818
Bay Area (Bay)	Chabot College	\$69,076
Inland Empire Desert	Chaffey College	\$183,766
Los Angeles (LA)	Citrus College	\$86,332
Bay Area (Bay 2)	City College of San Francisco	\$207,815
Bay Area (Bay)	College of Marin	\$83,879
Bay Area (Bay 2)	College of San Mateo	\$129,663
South Central Coast	College of the Canyons	\$242,024
Inland Empire Desert	College of the Desert	\$221,610
Far North	College of the Redwoods	\$197,676
Central Valley-Mother Lode	College of the Sequoias	\$332,665
Los Angeles (LA)	Compton College	\$114,398
Bay Area (Bay)	Contra Costa College	\$101,893
Inland Empire Desert	Copper Mountain College	\$65,230
South Central Coast	Cuesta College	\$168,025
Orange County	Cypress College	\$165,765

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Region	College	Allocation
Bay Area (Bay 2)	De Anza College	\$103,863
Los Angeles (LA2)	East Los Angeles College	\$87,783
Los Angeles (LA)	El Camino College	\$169,150
Bay Area (Bay 2)	Evergreen Valley College	\$160,824
Central Valley-Mother Lode	Fresno City College	\$461,562
Bay Area (Bay 2)	Gavilan College	\$77,025
Los Angeles (LA)	Glendale Community College	\$133,524
Orange County	Golden West College	\$271,578
San Diego-Imperial	Grossmont College	\$187,342
Bay Area (Bay 2)	Hartnell College	\$125,116
San Diego-Imperial	Imperial Valley College	\$151,012
Far North	Lassen College	\$192,309
Central Valley-Mother Lode	Lemoore College	\$122,023
Los Angeles (LA)	Long Beach City College	\$132,292
Los Angeles (LA2)	Los Angeles City College	\$197,676
Los Angeles (LA2)	Los Angeles Harbor College	\$145,835
Los Angeles (LA2)	Los Angeles Pierce College	\$164,249
Los Angeles (LA2)	Los Angeles Southwest College	\$112,975
Los Angeles (LA2)	Los Angeles Trade-Technical College	\$153,829
Los Angeles (LA2)	Los Angeles Valley College	\$161,753
Bay Area (Bay)	Los Medanos College	\$113,623
Central Valley-Mother Lode	Madera Community College	\$53,761
Far North	Mendocino College	\$90,357

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Central Valley-Mother Lode	Merced College	\$132,187
Bay Area (Bay)	Merritt College	\$57,951
San Diego-Imperial	MiraCosta College	\$128,011
Bay Area (Bay 2)	Mission College	\$80,121
Central Valley-Mother Lode	Modesto Junior College	\$263,865
Bay Area (Bay 2)	Monterey Peninsula College	\$97,398
South Central Coast	Moorpark College	\$163,962
Los Angeles (LA)	Mt. San Antonio College	\$279,093
Inland Empire Desert	Mt. San Jacinto College	\$139,302
Bay Area (Bay)	Napa Valley College	\$108,935
Bay Area (Bay)	Ohlone College	\$79,609
Inland Empire Desert	Palo Verde College	\$52,560
San Diego-Imperial	Palomar College	\$157,381
Los Angeles (LA)	Pasadena City College	\$198,088
Central Valley-Mother Lode	Porterville College	\$99,122
Los Angeles (LA)	Rio Hondo College	\$120,585
Inland Empire Desert	Riverside City College	\$466,778
North	Sacramento City College	\$132,294
Orange County	Saddleback College	\$264,858
Inland Empire Desert	San Bernardino Valley College	\$215,258
San Diego-Imperial	San Diego City College	\$121,442
Central Valley-Mother Lode	San Joaquin Delta College	\$316,610
Orange County	Santa Ana College	\$273,861

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Region	College	Allocation
South Central Coast	Santa Barbara City College	\$165,282
Los Angeles (LA)	Santa Monica College	\$155,975
Bay Area (Bay)	Santa Rosa Junior College	\$258,606
Far North	Shasta College	\$174,472
North	Sierra College	\$86,318
Bay Area (Bay)	Solano Community College	\$119,022
San Diego-Imperial	Southwestern College	\$131,023
South Central Coast	Ventura College	\$197,213
Inland Empire Desert	Victor Valley College	\$154,600
North	Yuba College	\$147,544
Total		\$13,030,502