



HCBS (Home and Community-Based Services) Employee Scholarship Grant Program

Lina Jau, Grant Manager

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Authorizing legislation

The HCBS Employee Scholarship Grant Program
is authorized by
Minnesota Statutes Section 144.1503.

The purpose of the grant program is to...

award grant dollars to eligible HCBS programs to provide employee scholarships.

Ultimately, the scholarships will help:

- **retain**
- **recruit**

caregiving staff in the grantee organization and the HCBS field.

What organizations can apply for a grant?

- **housing with services (assisted living) establishments**
 - **adult day care centers**
 - **home care service providers**
- that primarily serve clients who are 65 years or older.

They may be not-for-profit or for-profit.

Individuals are not eligible to apply directly to MDH for the grant funds.

Which employees can a grantee give scholarships to?

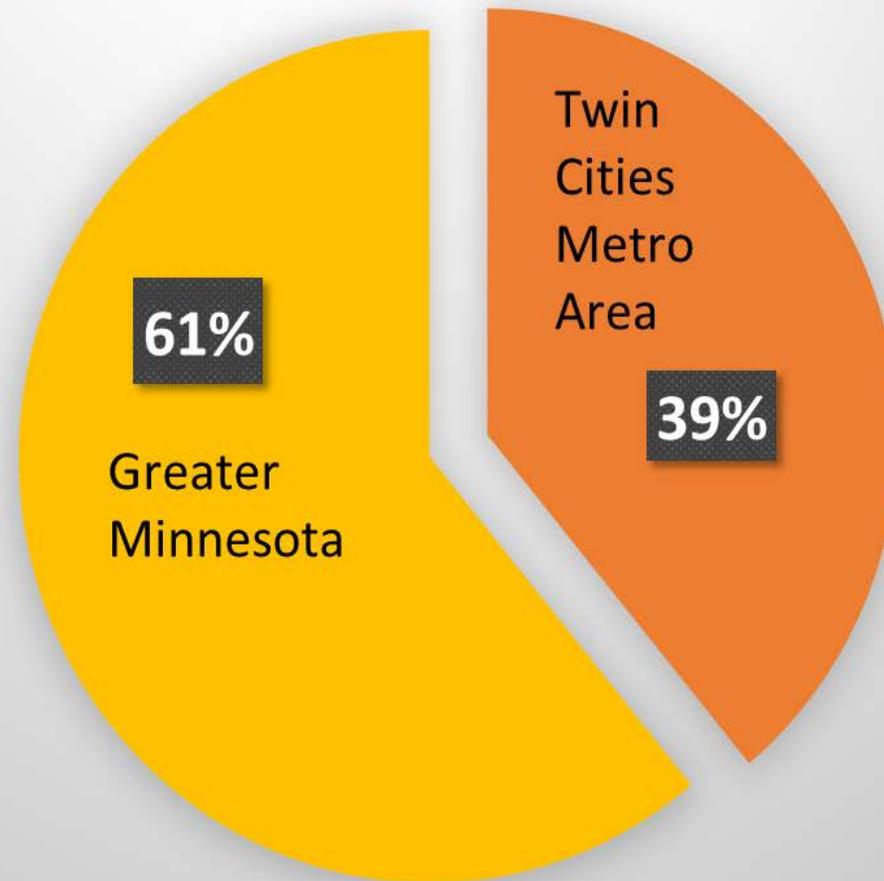
A scholarship recipient must:

- work at least 16 hours per week for the grantee organization while receiving the scholarship
- be employed in a client care provider role

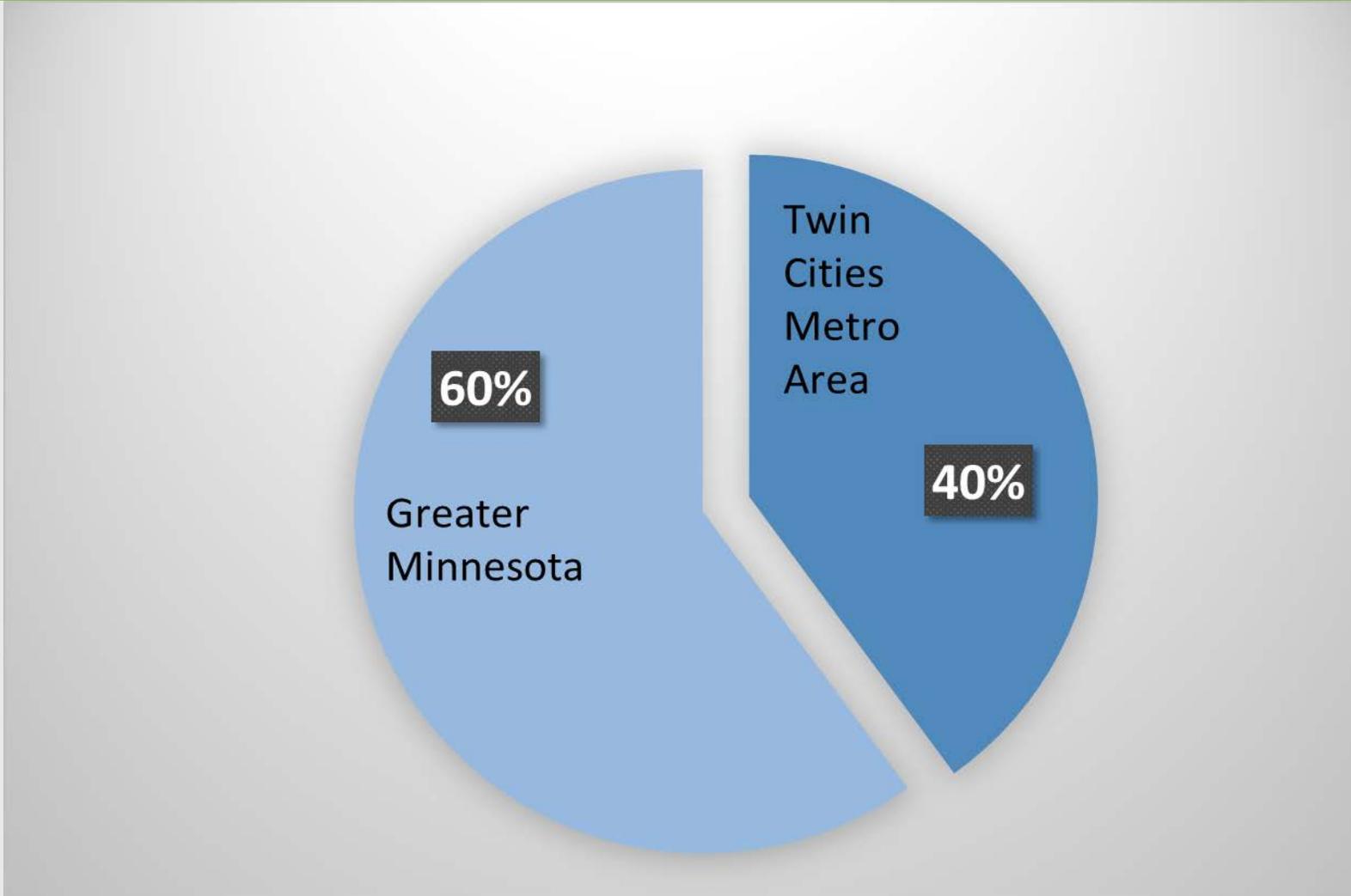
Examples of courses and training funded by the grant funds:

- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Nursing Assistant Registered (NAR)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- BSN in Nursing or RN
- Social Work
- Dementia care training

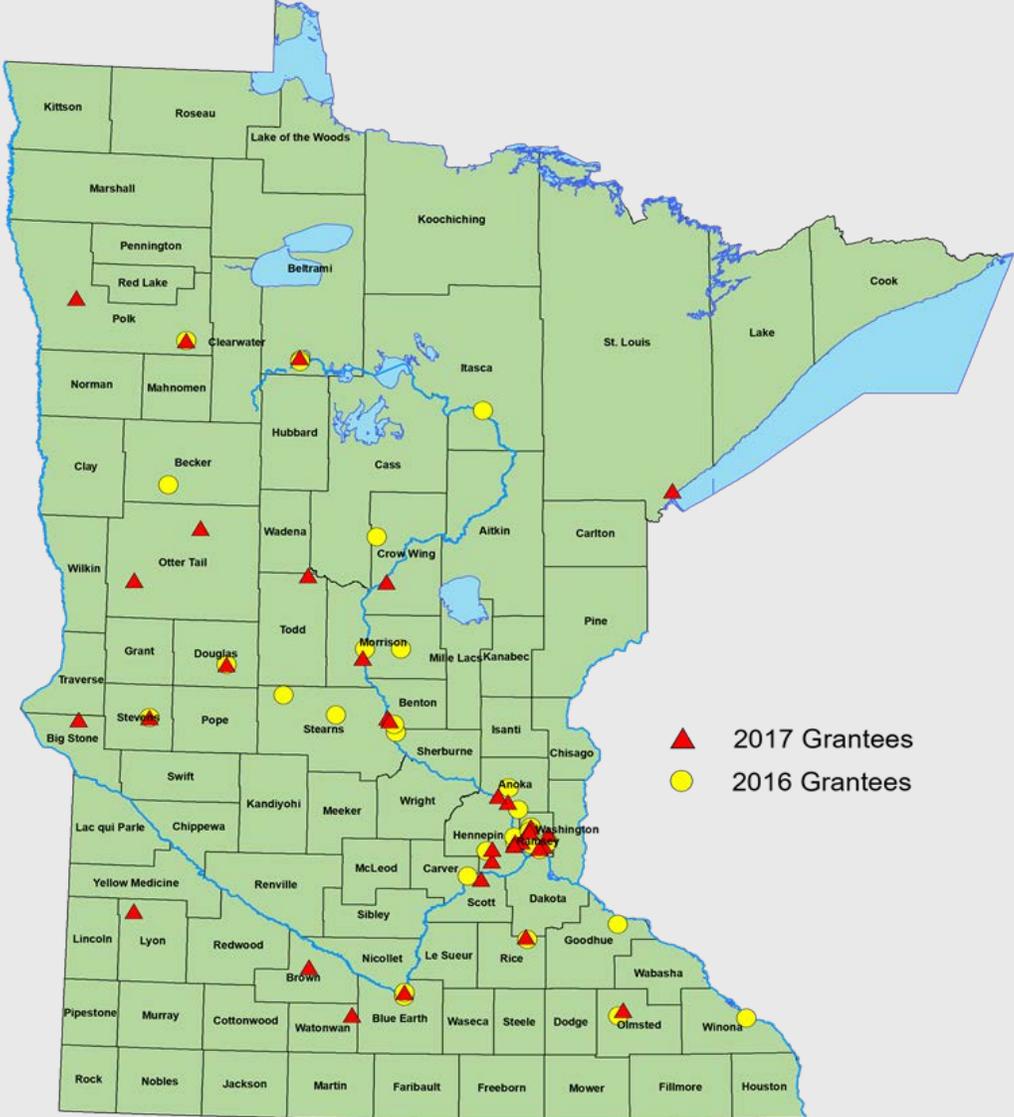
2016 Grantees – TC metro vs. greater MN



2017 Grantees – TC metro vs. greater MN



Statewide distribution of 2016 and 2017 grantees



RFP and fund information

The RFP (Request for Proposals) is issued in August for the following year's grants that start on January 1.

Amount available each year for distribution: \$1,450,000.

Grants are for 2 years.

"I'm always looking for people to help review proposals. Please let me know if you are interested."

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Thank You!

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<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/funding/index.html>



Nurse Loan Forgiveness Program

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Program Purpose

The purpose of Minnesota's Loan Forgiveness program is to recruit and retain health care professionals to needed areas and facilities within Minnesota. Loan forgiveness is an important benefit for health care professionals as well as health care facilities and communities experiencing a shortage of access to primary health care services.

- The program is offered to Licensed Practical Nurse(LPN)/ LPN Nurse Students and Registered Nurse (RN)/ RN Nurse Students
- Who plan to practice/are practicing in a:
 - Licensed Nursing Home
 - Assisted Living
 - Home Care
 - Intermediate Care Facility for the developmentally disabled
 - Hospital if owns/operates a Licensed Nursing Home (must work 50% time in Nursing Home)



The Nurse Loan Forgiveness Program provides funds for repayment of qualifying educational loans for actual costs paid for tuition, reasonable education and living expenses related to the graduate or undergraduate education of the nursing degree. Qualified loans may include:

- Government loans
- Commercial Loans
- Foundation loans.



Program Requirement

- Service obligation:
 - 30 Hours per week
 - At least 45 weeks per year
 - OR, complete 1,350 total hours per year
 - Minimum 2 year/ maximum 4 year obligation
 - Providing direct patient care/client-centered services
 - Hours cannot be fulfilled meeting with providers, process improvement, policy development, supervising, or administering programs.



Disbursement

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 (Optional)	Year 4 (Optional)
Annual Payment	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

Application Cycle

Start: November 1, 2017

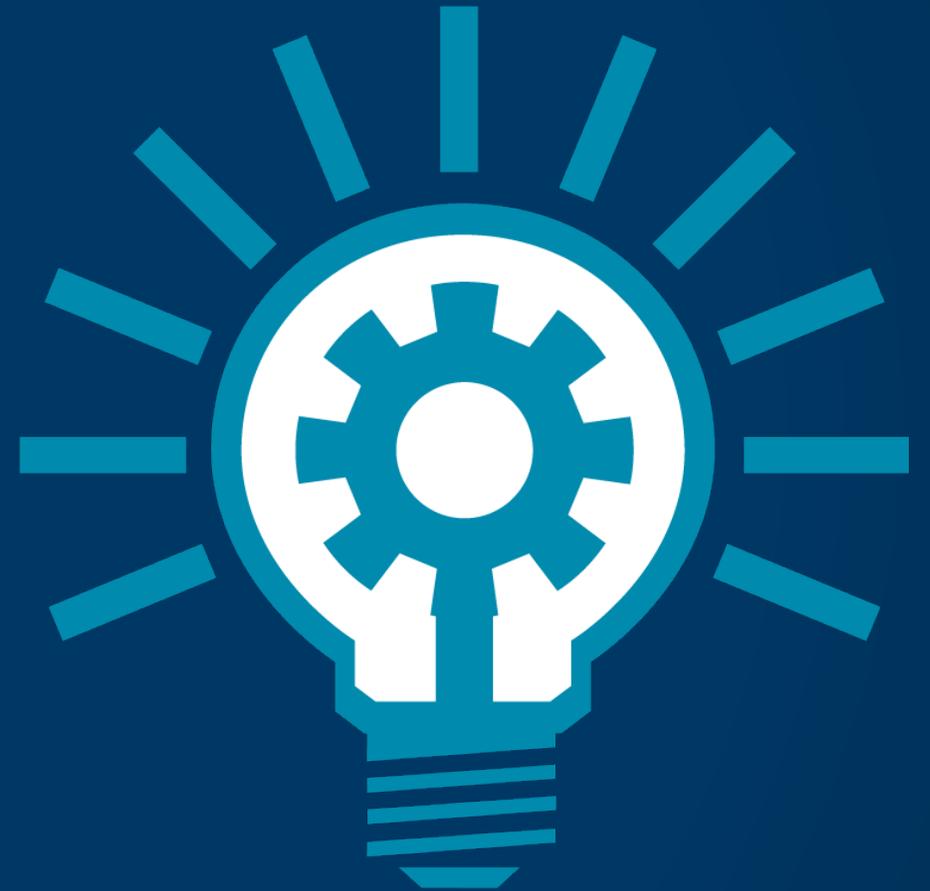
Close: January 4, 2018 at 5 pm CST.

Submit application to:

health.loanforgiveness@state.mn.us

MN Health Care Loan Forgiveness and
Repayment Programs

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/funding/loans/index.html>



Questions?

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