

Rule Workshop: Rule 6A-10.0352, Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund

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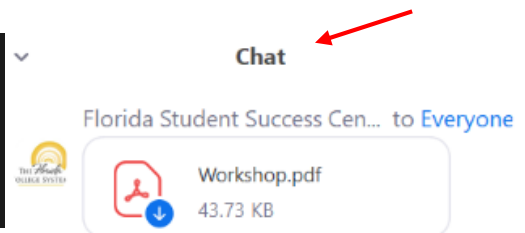
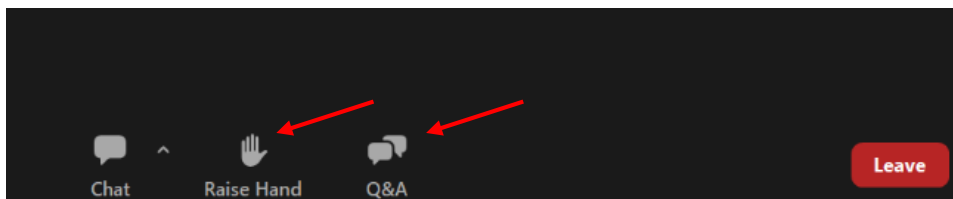
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Background

- Senate Bill 2524 (2022) created section (s.) 1009.896, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to create the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and health care partners to combat the growing nursing shortage in the state.
- This competitive grant program will provide matching funds, on a dollar-to-dollar basis, to participating institutions that partner with a healthcare provider.
- The Florida Legislature appropriated \$19 million for FCS institutions, school district career centers, charter technical career centers, and independent nonprofit colleges and universities.

Proposed Rule Amendment

(3) Notification of Funding Opportunity. Each year that the LINE Fund is funded by the legislature, the Department will publish notice of the availability of grants and Request for Proposals at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities> at least fifteen (15) days prior to the notice of intent submission. ~~For the 2022-2023 year, the notification of funding opportunity will be posted no later than September 15.~~ The notification of funding opportunity will include:

(a) Grant period. ~~For Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the grant period is July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.~~

(b) Date to submit a notice of intent to apply for a grant. The notice of intent will be due fifteen (15) days following publication of the notification of funding opportunity.

(c) ~~Deadline~~ Earliest and latest date to apply for the grant. Proposals will be accepted as early as thirty (30) days following the notice of intent deadline ~~and will continue to be accepted for another fifteen (15) days or until all appropriated funds are awarded, whichever comes first.~~

(d) The dollar amount of available grant funds.

Proposed Rule Amendment (continued)

(4) Proposals. If funds are designated in the General Appropriations Act, the Department shall solicit proposals for LINE funds. To be eligible for an allocation, proposals must include the following components which will be used to prioritize funding along with the criteria established in subsection (5).

(a) The total amount of LINE funds requested and a detailed budget for the expenditure of these funds, including the proposed budget for the program, which includes the health care partner contribution and the amount of LINE Funds requested. The proposed budget includes personnel costs, operating expenses, equipment costs and training expenses, and other allowable expenses.

Proposed Rule Amendment (continued)

(8) Required Reporting.

~~(a) Quarterly, institutions that have been awarded LINE funds must report to the Department the amount and use of funds, as outlined in the proposal, expended in the prior three months. Quarterly submissions are due on January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 of each year. No later than thirty (30) days before the submission deadline, the Department will release guidelines for institutions to securely transmit an electronic file to meet this requirement.~~

~~(b) Annually, by February 1, institutions that were ~~have been~~ awarded LINE funds in the previous fiscal year must report to the Department all information required by Section 1009.8962(9)(b), F.S. Minimally, the report must include, by program level, the number of additional nursing education students enrolled; if scholarships were awarded using grant funds, the number of students who received scholarships and the average award amount; and the outcomes of students as reported by the Florida Talent Development Council pursuant to Section 1004.015(6), F.S. No later than thirty (30) days before the submission deadline, the Department will release guidelines for institutions to transmit an electronic file to meet this requirement.~~



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Additional Information

- Anticipated date of State Board of Education meeting: August 23, 2023
- Additional information regarding rule updates
 - <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings/>
- Funding Opportunities Website
 - <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/>
- FDOE Contacts
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