

1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET

2 Council on Postsecondary Education

3 (Regular)

4 13 KAR ... Healthcare Program Incentives

5 RELATES TO: KRS Chapter 164

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS Chapter 164

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 164... requires the Council on Postsecondary
8 Education to promulgate regulations to administer the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund and set
9 forth the requirements to provide healthcare program incentives to reward performance and excellence among
10 Kentucky's healthcare programs.

11 Section 1. Definitions.

12 (1) "Council" means the Council on Postsecondary Education and is defined by KRS 164.001(8).

13 (2) "Fund" means the healthcare workforce investment fund and is defined by KRS 164...

14 (3) "Dedicated funds" means a gift, grant, or donation to the fund and is subject to the restrictions imposed
15 by a grantor.

16 (4) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means an institution licensed by the council or the Commission on
17 Proprietary Education to operate in Kentucky that offers a healthcare program.

18 (5) "Grantor" means a healthcare partner that gifts, grants, or donates moneys to the Kentucky healthcare
19 workforce investment fund as defined by KRS 164....

20 (6) "Healthcare partner" is defined in KRS 164....

21 (7) "Healthcare program" means an education or training program that is a specific requirement to an
22 eligible healthcare credential as defined in KRS 164....

23 (8) "Incentives" means healthcare program incentives as defined by KRS 164....

1 (9) “Kentucky resident” is a Kentucky resident as defined by KRS 164.020(8).

2 (10) “Match” means monies from the fund provided to the institution on a dollar-to-dollar basis, subject to
3 funds availability, to the healthcare partner’s contribution.

4 (11) “Steering committee” means the healthcare workforce investment steering committee established by the
5 council for the purpose of determining funding allocations, defining incentive funding award criteria, and
6 making awards. The steering committee shall be comprised of members who have understanding and experience
7 in healthcare programs or postsecondary education.

8 Section 2. Healthcare incentive proposals without dedicated funds.

9 (1) To be eligible to receive funding, an incentive proposal without dedicated funds shall include:

10 (2) The name of the requesting healthcare programs certified by the signature of their respective chief
11 executive officer and a designated point of contact with contact information;

12 (a) A narrative explaining how the healthcare program intends to use requested funds to support the
13 performance and excellence in its production of specific eligible healthcare credentials solely through
14 funding the areas outlined in KRS 164...Section 4(4);

15 (b) Certification that the healthcare program is offered by an eligible postsecondary institution or a Kentucky
16 public high school or secondary career and technical center offering a healthcare vocational program in
17 Kentucky;

18 (c) The total proposed budget for the incentive funds requested;

19 (d) Discussion of how the healthcare credentials aligns with Kentucky's high-demand workforce sectors
20 identified by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board and the Education and Labor Cabinet. If not
21 aligned, the healthcare program shall provide other verifiable proof of workforce demand for the
22 healthcare credentials;

23 (e) An explanation of the program’s past five years of data on student retention and graduation rates and

1 current efforts to retain and graduate students in applicable healthcare credentials;

2 (f) An explanation on how the program increased the average annual degree production in the credential
3 over the past five years;

4 (g) A description of what career development or job placement programs are offered by the program;

5 (h) An explanation as to what learning experiences in simulated or clinical settings are offered by the
6 program;

7 (i) A description of what learning experiences are offered by the program to middle or high school students,
8 if any;

9 (j) Any relative data and analysis addressing the factors set forth in KRS 164.....Section 4(2);

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11 (l) An explanation of how the program will meet any other criteria determined by the steering committee.

12 Section 3. Incentive proposals with dedicated funds.

13 (3) To be eligible to receive funding, an incentive proposal with dedicated funds shall include:

14 (a) The criteria established in Section 2;

15 (b) A statement of assurances that the healthcare program will not violate any of the requirements set forth
16 by KRS 164...Section 4(4)); and

17 (c) An explanation of how the program will meet any criteria established by the grantor healthcare partner
18 as part of their contribution of dedicated funds.

19 Section 4. Evaluation process.

20 (1) The steering committee shall review and rank each healthcare program proposal on the extent to which
21 it meets the priorities set forth in Sections 2 and 3, as applicable. The steering committee may engage with a
22 grantor healthcare partner in evaluating incentive proposals with grantor criteria if required by the dedicated
23 funds.

1 (2) Once the proposals are evaluated and ranked, the steering committee shall consider the distribution of
2 funds to avoid a concentration in a small number of programs before determining award distributions.

3 (3) Once awards distributions are finalized by the steering committee, the council shall notify the designated
4 points of contact.

5 Section 5. Incentive awards.

6 (1) Upon award, the council, shall enter into a contract with the healthcare program to distribute the funds.
7 The contract shall include the requirements of KRS 164...Section 4(4) and any reporting requirements set forth
8 by the council.

9 (2) Once the contract is finalized, the council shall disburse from the fund moneys deposited by the
10 healthcare partner and the matching funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the healthcare program.