

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.10. ACCEPT ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD PIPELINE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HEALTHCARE (PATH) WORKFORCE GRANT

Grantor: Illinois Community College Board

Amount: \$879,769.00

Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Type: Non-Competitive

Matching Funds: None

Lead Staff: Kristen Jones, Vice President of Education

Purpose: Funds support students pursuing associate degrees and short-term career certificates in select healthcare programs including Health Information Technology, Healthcare Office Assistant, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Nursing (Registered Nurse), Nursing Assistant, Surgical Technology, Medical Imaging (Radiology Technician), Emergency Medical Technology, Paramedic and Dental Hygiene.

Last-dollar tuition and fees, stipends for life costs, books, uniforms, and testing costs are available for qualified students in the program. Grant funds are also used to purchase equipment and supplies in featured healthcare programs. The goal of the program is to increase efforts on the recruitment and retention of incumbent workers, entering students on a nursing or healthcare pathway, and low-income, first generation and minoritized students.

Recommendation: Accept the Illinois Community College Board Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare (PATH) Workforce Grant in the amount of \$879,769.00.