



California Community Colleges

Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Program Grant – Round 2 Request for Application Bidder's Conference

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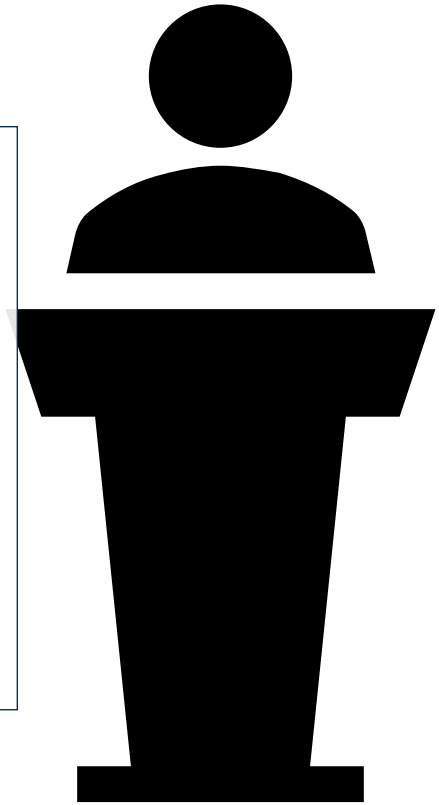
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Recording:

This webinar will be recorded and posted to the [WEDD RFA website](#) after remediation.

Q&A

- Please use the Q&A window to submit your questions during the presentation
- Questions will be monitored and answered via the Q&A window during the presentation as time allows
- Questions may be submitted up to December 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM to NursingApps@CCCCO.edu
- An FAQ document will also be posted to the [WEDD RFA website](#) and updated regularly



Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure(RNI) Program Grant – Round 2

Background & Purpose

- California faces a critical shortage of registered nurses. Due to healthcare demands, the state will need 44,500 more registered nurses by 2030
- The Budget Act of FY 2025-26 provides a second year of allocated funds for community colleges to bolster nursing education and training in California. Ed. [Code, § 88770, et seq.; Stats. 2024, ch. 71 \(SB 155\)](#)
- \$60M will be used for grants and technical assistance to: expand registered nursing programs and partnerships; address nursing shortages; and increase, educate, and maintain the next generation of registered nurses through the community college system

Second Year Goal

Round 2:

- Builds on [Round 1 projects](#) to expand nursing education capacity
- Focuses on launching new ADN programs
- Prioritizes faculty pipeline development; innovative strategies for recruitment, development, and retention of nursing faculty
- Supports high-quality nursing education across California community colleges

Eligibility

- California community college districts are eligible to apply on behalf of a college for this grant
 - Multi-college districts must submit one separate application for each college seeking funding
- The college named in the application must:
 - Have an active Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program, or
 - Plan to establish an ADN program by the end of the grant performance period
 - Existing programs must remain in good standing with the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)

Returning Applicants

- Definition: those who received Round 1 RNI Grant funding **and** are applying for Round 2
- Returning Applicants must include:
 - An updated Statement of Need
 - Workplan showing:
 - New activities/outcomes OR Expanded work from Round 1
- Competitive process – proposals must:
 - Show new or expanded work, not duplication. Proposals duplicating prior work previously funded will not be considered
 - Avoid supplanting existing funds

Funding Purposes

Usages

- Funds serve as seed funding for projects with long-term ADN program benefits
- Supplanting existing funds or covering ongoing maintenance is not allowed
- Grant aligns with [Education Code Section 88772\(b\)](#) and supports 8 legislative priorities
- See page 3 in RFA (link above) for a full list of priorities, listed in no particular order

Legislative Priorities

Funding for the program will be awarded for any one or combination of the listed priorities. The proposal must address at least one.

- Competitive proposals:
 - Align with Applicant's Statement of Need
 - Show clear impact on increasing RN workforce/education; support RFA purposes

Available Funds

- The successful Applicant can request a grant of up to \$2,000,000 per college
- \$57,000,000 total available funds for this application round
 - \$3,000,000 for Chancellor's Office administrative costs & technical assistance
- The Chancellor's Office shall determine the amount of each grant for a recipient, taking the following factors into account:
 - The Applicant's requested amount and justification
 - The Applicant's score on the scoring rubric
 - The total amount of funding available for awarding

Grant Term (expected)

- 24 months from July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028
- Awardees may have up to two years to expend a grant
- During a grant term, grant recipients are expected to fully expend grant funds while ensuring full transparency and accountability for all expenditures
- Any unspent amount of the grant at the end of the two-year period of encumbrance shall revert to the Chancellor's Office

Reporting Requirements

- Bi-annual reports in NOVA are required
- An end-of-project Final Report of Expenditures in NOVA is required

NOVA Reporting Dates	
January 31, 2027	Expenditure and Progress Report due covering the period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026
July 31, 2027	Expenditure and Progress Report due covering the period of January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2027
January 31, 2028	Expenditure and Progress Report due covering the period of July 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027
July 31, 2028	Expenditure and Progress Report due covering the period of January 1, 2028, through June 30, 2028
August 31, 2028	Final Report of Expenditures due

Reporting Expectations

As a condition of receiving a grant, a recipient shall report to the Chancellor's Office the following:



The number of additional nursing education program enrollment slots created with the use of grants



Student outcomes, including course success rates, persistence rates, graduation rates, NCLEX first time pass rate, and, if possible, employment placement outcomes



How the grant was used by expenditure category, as described in the Purpose section (page 3)



The extent to which the grant, combined with other funding sources, addressed regional workforce needs

Additional Required Program Metrics

Number of students transferring to four-year BSN programs

Number of BSN transfer pathways

Number of students earning ADNs

Number of students enrolled

Demographics of enrolled students to include age, race, gender, and language spoken at home

Number of students completing

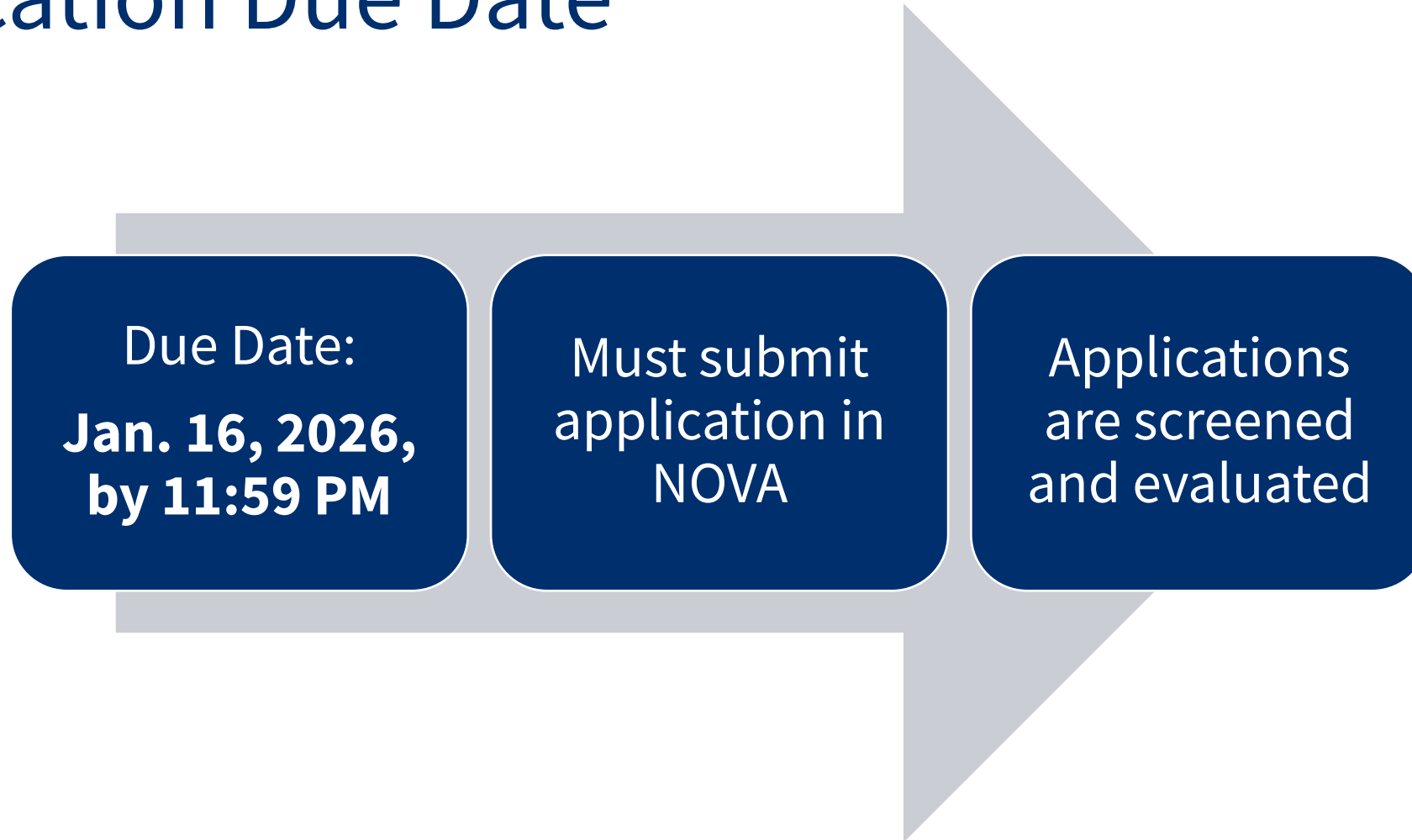
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Program expenditures

How to Apply

- For step-by-step instructions on completing the application with the required level of detail, watch the [NOVA training recording](#)
 - (Passcode: @j^\$c0Ns)
- Applications are now available in NOVA!
 - Applicants must have a [NOVA log in to apply](#). No account? No problem. Request access [here](#).
 - Other resources (e.g. FAQ) needed for the application process can be found on the [WEDD RFA website](#)

Application Due Date



Screening Criteria

- The application was submitted by a California community college district for a college with an ADN program, or plans to establish one by end of the grant period
- The application was received by the submission deadline (no drafts will be accepted)
- The application was submitted in the required format with all required information
- The application included all sections, including a budget and budget justification

Rejection of Application

- Not submitted through NOVA by 11:59 PM, January 16, 2026
 - (no late submissions, no other formats, no edits after submission; drafts are not considered)
- Proposed budget exceeds \$2,000,000
- Applicant is a district with a college lacking an ADN program and will not establish one by the end of the performance period
- Any of the required components of the application are incomplete or not submitted
- Returning applicants will be deemed ineligible and rejected if they fail to:
 - Demonstrate a substantive expansion of previously funded work
 - Submit a new and clearly articulated Statement of Need
 - Avoid duplication of activities or objectives previously awarded under this program



Application Evaluation Overview

Application Evaluation

Reviewed for extent to which they:

- Effectively address California's nursing shortages
- Best serve the interests of the California Community Colleges
 - Applications that substantially duplicate Round 1 proposals without meaningful expansion or new focus areas will receive lower scores and may be ineligible

Application Evaluation

- Scoring will be conducted using a 100-point scale
- Applications must receive a score of at least 80 to be eligible for award

Sections	Maximum Points
Statement of Need	15
Amount Requested and Use of Funds	10
Workplan	50
Budget	15
Priority Considerations	Up to 10
Total Possible Points	100

Application Section Review (1 of 5)

Statement of Need

15 points



Returning Applicants are expected to provide a new Statement of Need and demonstrate a focus that is different from their previous application.

1) Identification of Need

- Provide a statement identifying the specific needs or problems the Applicant faces regarding access to educating, supporting, graduating, or placing nursing students
 - Must discuss factors that contribute to the existing need
 - Must clearly demonstrate how the needs connect to one of the priorities listed on page 3

2) Current Approach

- A description of how the Applicant is currently addressing the needs or problems described
- What existing funds are currently supporting these efforts
- How receipt of this grant will supplement and/or expand those efforts

Application Section Review (2 of 5)

Amount Requested & Use of Funds

10 points

Provide a detailed description of the proposed use of the grant to address one or a combination of the priorities listed in the “Purpose” section (on page. 3).



1. Address the barriers and needs identified in Statement of Need
2. Enhance and expand Associate Degree in Nursing programs to cultivate, educate, and sustain the next generation of registered nurses
3. Include the grant amount requested to address each priority selected and a breakdown of cost by activity
 - Excellent example of budget breakdown/description
“Priority – Technology upgrade: Computer replacement
24 stations, HP Z2 Mini-\$2,379 x 24= \$57,096 + \$4,800 tax
at 7.75% = \$61,896

Application Section Review (3 of 5)

Workplan

50 points



The main framework that connects all parts of the application, including the budget, by showing how the proposed activities will address the Statement of Need and achieve the grant's goals

- Project Plan & Implementation (15)
- Measurable Outcomes (15)
- Sustainability & Long-Term Impact (10)
- Feasibility & Institutional Capacity (10)

Workplan must include:

- Detailed plan with annual tasks/activities
- Timeline with measurable outcomes
- Justification for strategies
- Responsible parties identified
- Number of education slots (where applicable)
- Sustainability plan

Application Section Review (4 of 5)

Budget by Object Code and Other Funding Sources

15 points



- 1) Provide a budget by object code with detailed descriptions. All line items must be associated with an activity in the workplan.
- 2) Include a breakdown of the amount and use of other funding sources that the Applicant is using for nursing education programs

Provide a budget by object code with detailed descriptions.

NOVA allows for expenditure object codes 1000-7000:

- 1000 – Instructional Salaries
- 2000 – Non-Instructional Salaries
- 3000 – Employee Benefits
- 4000 – Supplies and Materials
- 5000 – Other Operating Expenses and Services
- 6000 – Capital Outlay
- 7000 – Other Outgoing Indirect Costs

*Indirect costs should not exceed 4 percent.

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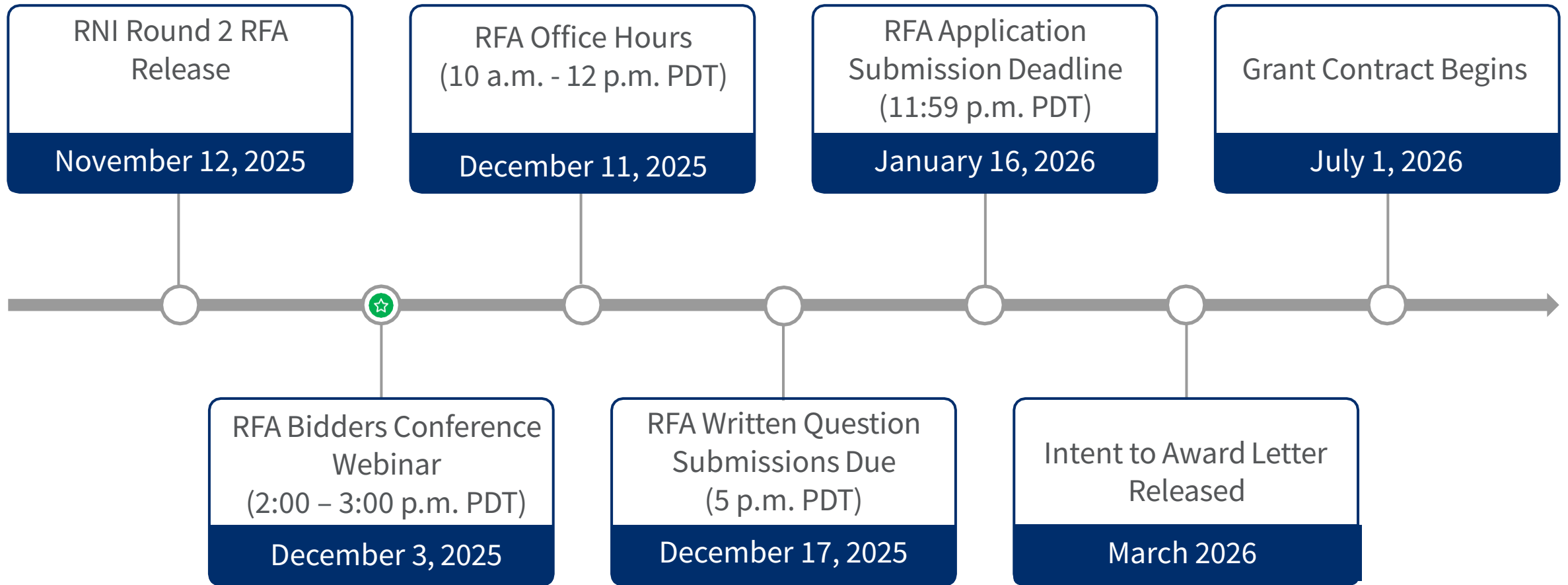
Priority Considerations

Up to 10 points

Applicants can apply for the priority considerations below:

- New Program Development (up to 3 points)
- Faculty Recruitment and Retention (up to 2 points)
- New Applicants (up to 3 points)
- Geographic Need (1 point)
 - [Nursing Shortage Map](#)
- BSN Pathway Expansion (1 point)

Important Timelines



Appeals Process (Part 1 of 2)

Applicants who wish to appeal a grant award decision must submit a letter of appeal to the Chancellor's Office within 10 business days after the date the notice of intent to award is posted; the letter of appeal must include the signature by the college president or designee.

- Only emailed letters will be accepted
- Appeals should be submitted to Vice Chancellor Anthony Cordova at the following email address:
ACordova@CCCCO.edu
- The final decision will be provided in writing within 30 calendar days from the date that appeals are due
- The Chancellor's Office decision shall be the final administrative action afforded the appeal

Appeals Process (Part 2 of 2)

- The appeal must specify the grounds of appeal and must be based on the process and/or procedures used in the review and recommendation of applications for awards
- The Applicant must file a full and complete written appeal, including the process(es) in dispute
- Incomplete or late appeals will not be considered
- The Applicant may not supply any new information that was not contained in the original application

Office Hours

December 11, 2025
Hours:

- 10:00am-12:00pm
- Registration Link:
https://cccco.zoom.us/join/lnC7_Fz8T3CbtDDNoCkZKA

! Additional questions to NursingApps@CCCCO.edu **by 5PM on December 17th**

Useful Links

Updates to RFA/FAQ/Recording of this webinar
[WEDD RFA website](#)

Nursing Shortage Map: [Nursing Shortage Map](#)

New to NOVA? Request an account
<https://nova.cccco.edu/request-access>

For additional NOVA questions, utilize the helpdesk <https://nova.cccco.edu/help>.

For more on Round 1 projects, [visit the Round 1 grant website](#)

RFA Questions: Email Nursing Program Team at
NursingApps@CCCCO.edu



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Thank you!

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