

BayCare Healthcare Workforce Development Project

Proposed Recipient: BayCare Health System, Inc.

Address of Recipient: 2985 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL 33759

Amount of the Request: \$963,260

Explanation: Funding would be used to address the healthcare workforce shortage that Pinellas County is currently facing by expanding existing public-private partnerships with local educational institutions to train additional entry-level nurses and nursing support clinicians. Funding would allow BayCare to increase the availability of clinical sites for nurse training, increase the supply of qualified faculty and campus resources for nursing programs, and facilitate opportunities for nurses to enhance their education. Educating and hiring additional healthcare workers will improve quality of care and outcomes for patients.