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**Need to Know**

**HOWTO Grant Program: Round 4 Open!**

The [HOWTO Grant Program](#) is intended to expand health professional training within the state to address current and future shortages in the health care workforce in rural and medically underserved areas of Oregon. The program supports innovative, transformative, community-based training initiatives that will address identified local health care workforce shortages and expand the diversity of the health professional workforce.

The HOWTO program is currently accepting Round 4 Grant Proposal applications. All application materials and submissions must be done through [OregonBuys](#) Bid Solicitation: [S-44300-00001806](#). Application period closes on March 14, 2022.

Please direct any HOWTO Program Inquiries to: [HOWTO.grant.program@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:HOWTO.grant.program@dhsoha.state.or.us)

**HRSA Tidbits**

**2022-2026 State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) Grants**

HRSA is now accepting applications for the 2022-2026 State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) grants. With $100 million in funding from the [American Rescue Plan](#), HRSA strongly encourages all states and U.S. territories to apply!

- Read the most recent [funding notice](#) (PDF - 479 KB) for program overview, eligibility requirements, and submission guidelines, and visit [Grants.gov](#) to apply.

Questions? Email the [SLRP Program](#).

**Training & Learning Opportunities**

**NIMAA Externship Opportunities**

The National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement (NIMAA) is a nonprofit education institute that trains Medical Assistants to work effectively in today’s high-
performing primary care settings. NIMAA was created by community health centers to provide access to education and employment opportunities in the communities they serve, while addressing a critical workforce shortage.

NIMAA offers the opportunity to become an externship organization to host medical assistant students for their 29-week externship. The program offers no-cost trainings and monthly support for preceptors. Ready to get started as an externship organization with NIMAA? Contact NIMAA today!