

**Florida Blue Foundation**  
**Improving the Quality and Safety of Patient Care**

**A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – A STATEWIDE NURSING LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**Background:**

In 2010, the Institute of Medicine published a landmark report on *The Future of Nursing*. In response to the report, a nationwide effort was initiated by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP to launch a collaboration to implement the recommendations that were made in the report. The Florida Action Coalition was formed in 2011 as a statewide initiative with the Florida Center for Nursing and the Florida Blue Foundation as co-leaders.

The Florida Action Coalition, a collaboration of diverse stakeholders, is leading changes in nursing and health care delivery that will enable more Floridians to access high quality care at a reasonable cost. To reach this goal, nurses and other health care professionals have formed action teams with executives from health foundations, businesses, universities, and government to advance three areas of focus in Florida nursing: Education, Leadership, and Practice.

Great progress has been made since 2011 but there is still much to accomplish. A key recommendation in the IOM report was that nurses can and should be leaders in their own professional roles and environments. In looking back on progress in Florida over the past four years, the action teams have identified that there is a need to educate nurses about health policy and leadership in health care systems with a goal of enabling them to become more influential. Therefore, the decision was made to focus the 2015 Nursing grant program on a statewide Nursing Leadership Development Program.

**Purpose/Objectives:**

The Florida Blue Foundation in partnership with the Florida Action Coalition seeks grant proposals to advance the goals and objectives of the Florida Action Coalition through the development of **one** Statewide Nursing Leadership Development (SNLDP). **The objectives of SNLDP are to:**

1. Educate a minimum of two geographically diverse cohorts of nurses in the state (including emerging nurse leaders), about the changing landscape as it relates to health policy and leadership in health care systems.
2. Assist nurses with their ability to become more influential in health care policy decisions that impact nursing at the local, state and national levels through action learning scenarios.
3. Promote the leadership development of nurses of color through the recruitment of diverse program participants.
4. Collect data that will be instrumental in assisting health care system leaders and lawmakers to understand the value of nursing.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

1. Nonprofit 501©(3) organizations based in Florida, Universities, colleges, training Centers and other health care related facilities that have the ability, expertise, resources knowledge and reach to conduct a statewide project.
2. Collaboration/partnerships between the above eligible applicants are encouraged but not required.
3. Above eligible applicants must have the ability to offer Continuing Education Credits (CEUs).

### **Deadlines:**

1. Announcement Posted on the Florida Blue Foundation's Website – **June 10, 2015**
2. Applications on-line Submission Deadline Date – **August 14, 2015**
3. Successful Applicants Notified – **November 6, 2015**
4. Unsuccessful Applicants Notified – **November 6, 2015**
5. Required grantee meeting or Conference Call with Florida Blue Foundation and select members of the Florida Action Coalition – **January 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:30p.m. (estimate date and time)**

**Available Funds:** Maximum \$200,000 (\$100,000 per year) this is a two year grant. **Only one** grant or collaborative/partnership will be selected.

**FOLLOW THIS LINK BELOW TO APPLY FOR:** The On-Line Application for a Statewide Nursing Leadership Development Program.

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