



Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center

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Dear Community Partner,

For the 2026-2027 Special Projects contract year, Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center, Inc. (GNAHEC) is accepting proposals from organizations in our five-county service area: Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Hernando, and Citrus counties. Funded projects must take place in GNAHEC's service area. The intent is to fund worthwhile projects directly related to our mission of connecting students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health. We inspire, train, recruit and retain a diverse and broad range of health professionals to practice in communities where the need is greatest.

For 2026, project proposals emphasizing the following will receive special consideration for funding approval:

1. Support and development of culturally appropriate health promotion or disease prevention outreach activities with a focus on reducing health disparities.
2. Development of new primary care or behavioral health clinical training sites with preceptors willing to mentor health professions students.
3. Training for health professions students and practicing health professionals in medical, nursing, public health and other health fields who serve medically underserved populations.
4. Programs developed to retain health professionals in GNAHEC's designated service area.
5. Disease prevention and health education programs for students residing in the GNAHEC service areas.

The deadline for submission of the Project Proposal is **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**. The GNAHEC Board of Directors, Special Projects Committee, will evaluate abstracts to determine the project's appropriateness and how it complements the organization's mission and goals. Proposals requesting continued funding will only be considered where previous year(s) achievement(s) is/are clearly and succinctly documented. Acceptance of your project will be determined by **June 5, 2026**, and projects will be funded from July 2026 to June 2027.

Project Proposals should include a narrative describing its purpose and how it interfaces and/or complements GNAHEC's mission. The project's **total** budget and the dollars being requested from GNAHEC must be included. Please limit your abstract to no more than five typewritten pages (including any/all supporting documents if used). Please follow the directions found on the *Abstract of Proposed Project* submission form included with this letter when returning your **Project Abstract**.

The maximum award will be \$10,000. However, requests for lesser amounts will be accepted. Approved projects will be required to submit regular project progress reports, appropriate data, and a final presentation report to the GNAHEC Board of Director's as specified in a Letter of Agreement.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kelly
Chief Executive Officer