

Nurse Support Program II

FY 2027 Limited RFP

Technical Assistance



Instructional Innovation Equipment and Simulation Capacity

Session 1:

Tuesday, May 26th, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session 2:

Wednesday, May 27th, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Agenda for the Hour

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Purpose and timeline

What this limited RFP is, who it is for, and key deadlines.

2

Submission package

What must be included and how to send it to NSP II staff.

3

Narrative and budget tips

What to emphasize and what to avoid. Eligible versus ineligible costs.

4

Live demonstration, Q&A

Walkthrough of the template, file submission, and questions.

Timeline: 15-20 minute presentation, followed by 20 minute demo, and remaining time for questions.

Background

Why this funding matters now

Modern equipment is essential to expand nursing capacity and graduate more practice-ready nurses in Maryland.

Program Need	NSP II Resource Grants address short-term, high-value needs that strengthen nursing programs when other funding sources are not available.
Current gap	Many schools face budget limits and rely on outdated simulation, lab, and classroom technology that does not reflect modern health care environments.
Why Equipment Matters	Up-to-date instructional and simulation equipment improves clinical readiness, supports safe skills training, and may address the issue of limited clinical placements. Well-prepared graduates need less preparation time, contributing to reduced costs.
HSCRC Approved	On May 13, 2026, the Commission approved a limited FY 2027 RFP to provide up to \$150,000 to each of 30 nursing schools , or \$4.5 million total, to expand lab capacity and enable larger cohorts.

Limited RFP at a Glance

Opportunity

- One-time rapid Instructional Equipment Resource Grant.
- Up to \$150,000 for each nursing school in Maryland.
- One-year project period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- Focus on instructional innovation equipment and simulation capacity.

Timeline

- **Priority deadline: June 3, 2026.**
- **Final deadline: June 17, 2026.**
- Proposal review: June 3 to June 24, 2026.
- Awards and project start: July 1, 2026.



This is a streamlined, short-turnaround application package intended for quick review and implementation.

Eligibility and Allowable Uses

Eligible applicants

- Maryland higher education institutions with approved prelicensure RN programs.
- Proposal must demonstrate input from the Simulation/Lab Coordinator or equipment lead.

Allowable examples

- Simulation recording and debriefing systems.
- Clinical lab equipment such as IV pumps and mannequins.
- Classroom technology such as tablets, webcams, microphones, and testing software.

Proposal should show

- A clear instructional or capacity gap.
- A direct benefit to student learning, readiness, or program capacity.
- That NSP II funds will supplement, not supplant, institutional resources.
- Readiness to purchase and implement within one year.



Increased with
NSP II funds

Existing
resources

Required Submission Package

A

Cover sheet

Required certifications, category checkboxes, and all signatures.

B

One-page narrative

Single-spaced response to all three narrative prompts.

C

Budget spreadsheet

One-year budget only, with allowable direct costs and signatures.

D

Mandatory Data Table

Submit the required Google Form by the application deadline.

**N/A if you already completed it for 2026!*



Email the application as a PDF and attach the Excel budget file separately.

The One-Page Narrative

1. Need

Describe the instructional problem or capacity gap and explain why current resources are not enough.

2. Impact

Explain how the equipment will improve learning, competency, readiness, capacity, or student success.

3. Supplement

State clearly that the request supplements rather than replaces institutional support.

Helpful advice: use one or two baseline facts if available, write in short paragraphs, and tie the request to a specific instructional limitation, barrier, or need.



One page max, single-spaced. Answer the prompts succinctly and clearly to demonstrate your use case.

Budget Tips and Ineligible Costs

Budget tips

- Use the one-year Excel budget format.
- Include only allowable direct costs.
- Align budget categories with the narrative.
- Categories: clinical equipment, classroom equipment, shipping/setup, and limited warranties if essential.

Ineligible costs

- Indirect costs, overhead, and personnel.
- Food, travel, tuition, incentives, and routine operating costs.
- Virtual reality equipment or technology supported through MSCRC.
- Requests that create ongoing unsupported subscription or maintenance obligations.

Institutional match or in-kind support is optional, but helpful to demonstrate sustainability/commitment.

How Requests Will Be Prioritized

- Addresses a clear instructional gap.
- Improves capacity quickly within one year.
- Benefits many students, courses, or cohorts.
- Supports under-resourced programs.

- Shows readiness to purchase and implement.
- Includes reasonable support for sustainability.
- Strengthens preparation for current practice and patient safety.



- Proposal review period is June 3rd - June 24th.
- Proposals received by the priority deadline will be reviewed first, followed by those received June 17th.

*A strong request is **specific, feasible, and ready to move.***

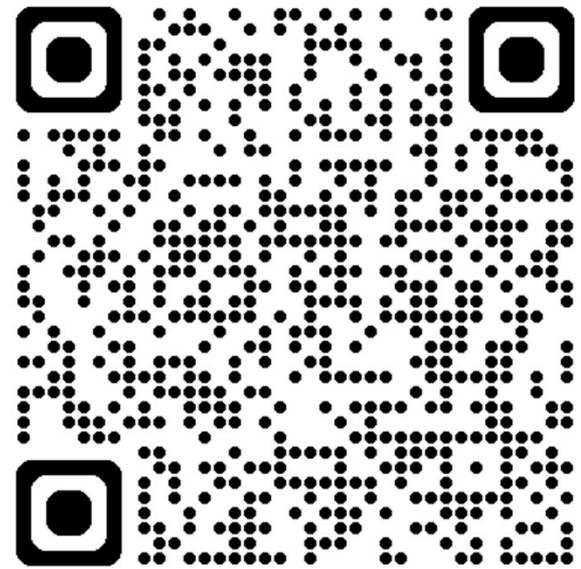
Live Demo

Key Walkthrough Items

- Application Cover Sheet and Signatures
- Narrative Template Sections
- Budget Spreadsheet fields

Demonstration Highlights:

- Mandatory Data Table (MDT) Instructions
- Proposal Selection Priorities (Criteria Checkboxes)
- Submission Checklist



Application materials are posted to the NSP website: **NSP II Forms page**. (nursesupport.maryland.gov)

Closing Reminders

Final reminders

- Priority deadline: **June 3, 2026**
- Final deadline: **June 17, 2026**
- Email submission only!



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