Healthcare Occupations Student Loan Repayment  
Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission

The Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (TRRC) has approved $1,051,000 to support the Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (VA-SLRP) managed by the Virginia Department of Health. In addition, the 2023 SLRP program has available $822,000 in Federal funds and $1.5 million in State funds to support loan incentive payments throughout Virginia.

The goal of VA-SLRP program is to attract health care professionals to underserved areas to improve and increase access to quality health care practitioners.

Summary of TRRC supported VDH VA-SLRP:

- Education loan repayment of up to $140,000 over four years. Yearly VDH awards range from $20,000 - $40,000 for years 1 and 2, and less in years 3 and 4. TRRC funds are limited to $40,000.

- Eligible occupations include:
  
  **Primary Care:**
  - Nurse Midwives
  - Nurse Practitioners
  - Pharmacists
  - Physicians
  - Physicians Assistants

  **Mental Health:**
  - Alcohol & Abuse Counselors
  - Health Service Psychologists
  - Licensed Clinical Social Workers
  - Licensed Professional Counselors
  - Marriage & Family Therapists
  - Mental Health Counselors
  - Psychiatric Nurse Specialists

  **Dental Health:**
  - Dentists
  - Registered Dental Hygienists

- Participants must work at least two years at an eligible practice site in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) within the Tobacco Region’s Southern and Southwest areas.

- Applications are accepted by VDH from January 1 – March 31. Awards in April 2023.
The following site types are eligible to be approved as practice sites for VA-SLRP participants:

1. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
   - Community Health Centers (CHCs)
   - Migrant Health Centers
   - Homeless Programs
   - Public Housing Programs

2. FQHC Look-A-Likes

3. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)

4. Other Health Facilities
   - Community Outpatient Facilities
   - Community Mental Health Facilities
   - State and County Health Department Clinics
   - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps (IHSC)
   - Free Clinics
   - Mobile Units
   - School-based Programs
   - Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) affiliated with a qualified outpatient clinic
   - Long-term Care Facilities
   - State Mental Health Facilities

5. Indian Health Service Facilities, Tribally Operated 638 Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Programs (ITU)
   - Federal Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinical Practice Sites
   - Tribal/638 Health Clinics
   - Urban Indian Health Program

6. Correctional or Detention Facilities
   - Federal Prisons
   - State Prisons

7. Private Practices (Solo or Group)
   - Shall be a public or private non-profit entity

For more information visit the VDH Virginia State Loan Repayment Program website:

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