Centers of Excellence

**Summary:** The Centers of Excellence program, which develops a minority applicant pool to enhance recruitment, training, academic performance and other supports for minorities interested in careers in health, is at $50 million for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2015 and such sums as necessary for each subsequent year.

**Additional information:**
- Program announcement -- [https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=44e1e99fa98ac8b43f99aa b3e72f0159](https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=44e1e99fa98ac8b43f99aa b3e72f0159)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) background on program (legislative history) -- [http://www.hrsa.gov/about/legislation/bhprlegs.html](http://www.hrsa.gov/about/legislation/bhprlegs.html)
- HRSA background on eligibility, funding for program -- [http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/diversity/coes.html](http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/diversity/coes.html)

**Long summary:**

Sec. 5401. Centers of excellence.  
The Centers of Excellence program, which develops a minority applicant pool to enhance recruitment, training, academic performance and other supports for minorities interested in careers in health, is reauthorized at $50 million for each of FY2010 through FY2015 and such sums as necessary for each subsequent year. Provides for allocations of appropriated funds among schools meeting various conditions.

**Legislative text:**

SEC. 5401. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.  
Section 736 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293) is amended by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

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''(h) FORMULA FOR ALLOCATIONS.—
''(1) ALLOCATIONS.—Based on the amount appropriated under subsection (i) for a fiscal year, the following subparagraphs shall apply as appropriate:
''(A) IN GENERAL.—If the amounts appropriated under subsection (i) for a fiscal year are $24,000,000 or less—
''(i) the Secretary shall make available $12,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(2)(A); and
''(ii) and available after grants are made with funds under clause (i), the Secretary shall make available—
''(I) 60 percent of such amount for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (c) (including meeting the conditions under subsection (e)); and
''(II) 40 percent of such amount for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(5).
''(B) FUNDING IN EXCESS OF $24,000,000.—If amounts appropriated under subsection (i) for a fiscal year exceed $24,000,000 but are less than $30,000,000—
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‘‘(i) 80 percent of such excess amounts shall be made available for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the requirements described in paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (c) (including meeting conditions pursuant to subsection (e)); and
‘‘(ii) 20 percent of such excess amount shall be made available for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(5).
‘‘(C) FUNDING IN EXCESS OF $30,000,000.—If amounts appropriated under subsection (i) for a fiscal year exceed $30,000,000 but are less than $40,000,000, the Secretary shall make available—
‘‘(i) not less than $12,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(2)(A);
‘‘(ii) not less than $12,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (c) (including meeting conditions pursuant to subsection (e));
‘‘(iii) not less than $6,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(5); and
‘‘(iv) after grants are made with funds under clauses (i) through (iii), any remaining excess amount for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in paragraph (2)(A), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (c).
‘‘(D) FUNDING IN EXCESS OF $40,000,000.—If amounts appropriated under subsection (i) for a fiscal year are $40,000,000 or more, the Secretary shall make available—
‘‘(i) not less than $16,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(2)(A);
‘‘(ii) not less than $16,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (c) (including meeting conditions pursuant to subsection (e));
‘‘(iii) not less than $8,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(5); and
‘‘(iv) after grants are made with funds under clauses (i) through (iii), any remaining funds for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in paragraph (2)(A), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (c).
‘‘(2) NO LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting the centers of excellence referred to in this section to the designated amount, or to preclude such entities from competing for grants under this section.
‘‘(3) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—
‘‘(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to activities for which a grant made under this part are authorized to be expended, the Secretary may not make such a grant to a center of excellence for any fiscal year unless the center agrees to maintain expenditures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the center for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the school receives such a grant.
‘‘(B) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—With respect to any Federal amounts received by a center of excellence and available for carrying out activities for which a grant under this part is authorized to be expended, the center shall, before expending the grant, expend the Federal amounts obtained from sources other than the grant, unless given prior approval from the Secretary.
‘‘(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—
‘‘(1) $50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2015; and
‘‘(2) and such sums as are necessary for each subsequent fiscal year.’’.