

HB 1179 -- GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Lewis (25)

Subject to appropriation, this bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a graduate medical education grant program, awarding grants to entities operating graduate medical education programs in this state. The total amount awarded must be enough to fund 20 residency slots, across all recipients, in each fiscal year beginning with FY2024 and ending with FY2034.

When awarding grants, the Department must prioritize entities operating programs that serve areas of greatest need, as determined by the Department; and that offer residency programs in primary care. The Department must also publish on its website eligibility criteria, criteria for determining the amount and duration of grants, the contents of the grant application, and the procedures and timelines by which entities may apply for grants.

If an individual who completed residency training that had been funded, in whole or in part, by a grant as depicted in this bill fails to work in Missouri for a minimum of three years following their training in the state, they are responsible for paying back the funds on a prorated basis to the entity operating the graduate medical education program that initially received the funds. That entity, then, must return the funds for deposit in the Graduate Medical Education Grant Program Fund described in this bill.

This bill creates the "Graduate Medical Education Grant Program Fund", which will consist of moneys appropriated to it by the General Assembly, all funds returned from an individual who failed to work in the state for three years following the culmination of their training, and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, private, or other sources. The funds within this Fund, at the end of the biennium, shall not revert to the credit of the General Revenue Fund, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 33.080 to the contrary. Additionally, the Department must conduct research on funding options and seek additional funding from federal, private, and other sources.

The Department of Health and Senior Services may promulgate any and all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this bill.

This bill is the same as HB 1162 (2023).