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Southeast **Michigan community colleges** and universities will share almost \$5.9 million in state grants to accelerate training for nurses and other health care professionals.

The grants are among more than \$17 million recently awarded statewide, in a Granholm administration effort to counter worker shortages.

The money will go toward a variety of uses; for example, schools might use the assistance to offer courses, purchase part of a hospital staff nurses' time so that the nurse can teach, or acquire laboratory equipment.

“This is to add capacity to these schools,” said Jeanette Klemczak, **Michigan** chief nurse executive.

In partnership with local hospitals or medical centers, schools plan to train registered nurses, clinical nurse faculty and others.

Detroit area grant partnerships are: Providence Hospital and Medical Center/Oakland University School of Nursing, \$1.7 million; Henry Ford Hospital/Henry Ford **Community College**, \$1.2 million; Harper University Hospital/Wayne State University, \$1.2 million; William Beaumont Hospital/ MSU, \$755,255; Oakwood Healthcare System/**Michigan** State University College of Nursing, \$544,379; St. Joseph Mercy Health System/Washtenaw **Community College**, \$335,681; and University of **Michigan** Hospital/Washtenaw **Community College**, \$139,772.