

Agenda Item 16:

Expansion Programs Definition: Discussion

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Background

- 2018 Policy Meeting: Commission approved a change to the definition of New PCR Slots for Existing Programs (Expansion Slots):
 - A permanent increase in the number of Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or American Osteopathic Association approved **categorical primary care residency slots** for an existing primary care program as evidenced by a letter from the appropriate accrediting body.
 - OSHPD accepts an accreditation letter July 1, 2016 or later.
- FY 2020-21 Song-Brown PCR Grant Guide for expansion slots states that:
 - Eligible programs may receive \$300,000 per first year categorical slot, with a maximum of three slots.

Current Expansion Definition: Analysis

- 2020 PCR Funding Meeting: HWDD staff presented an analysis of applicants in the last four application cycles (2017-2020).
 - Some programs received funding for all their first-year expansion slots and in subsequent years applied for and received funding for the next cohort of first year residents.
 - One program requested expansion funding for unfilled existing residency slots.
 - Some programs approved for multiple expansion slots stagger their funding requests over multiple years
 - Difficult to track whether they are applying for the previously awarded slot or an unfilled expansion slot.

Discussion

- Current Song-Brown Glossary definition does not specify when an expansion slot is fully funded.
- Does the Commission want to update the definition to:
 - Prioritize one-time three-year funding for the initial expansion cohort?
 - Provide funding for all cohorts until expansion is complete?
 - Specify how to fund programs that request expansion funding who have not filled all their existing residency slots.
- What does the Commission see as the focus of expansion funding?

Implementation Timeline

If discussion results in decisions, updates to the Song-Brown Glossary, PCR Grant Guide, and application implemented:

- Spring 2021 application cycle