

\$300K in grant money to Fresno State nursing program

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Fresno State will use \$300,000 in grant money to increase its number of nurse practitioners and build a faculty practice clinic at a local nonprofit.

The grant money was awarded by the Song-Brown Commission, which encourages universities to provide health care to underserved areas, to the College of Health and Human Services.

The first part of the grant, \$149,899, will go toward increasing nurse practitioners who will become primary-care providers in the Valley.

The second grant, \$148,924, will establish a clinic at the Spirit of Woman, a nonprofit began in 1997 that provides substance-abuse treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women.

Community health nursing and nurse-practitioner students will use the facility. Fresno State public health and social work students already train at Spirit of Woman, and Dr. Cricket Barakzai, the nursing department chairwoman, envisions students in nutrition will also use the facility.

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