

**Project Name:** Center for Advanced Education and Medical Simulation Project

**Proposed Recipient:** St. Luke's/Jones Regional Medical Center (JRMCC)

**Address of Recipient:** 1795 Hwy 64E, Anamosa, IA 52205

**Amount of Request:** \$2,000,000

**Explanation of Request:** Funding for this project will be used to expand and remodel the west wing of JRMCC to create a permanent advanced simulation lab. The addition would add approximately 17,000 new square feet and 2,600 renovated square feet. The expansion will allow the program to graduate an additional 14 nursing students annually. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the JRMCC-Purdue Global Associate of Science in Nursing program began in 2021, the simulation lab and program operations at JRMCC have been housed in two portable trailers. This project will create a simulation lab that will make virtual nursing education a permanent option in eastern Iowa and provide a much-needed advanced training option for other high-demand medical professions. The simulation lab project will provide the permanent space necessary to accommodate more nursing students and to provide professional development training for other medical professions.

**Federal Nexus:** This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).