



## **FY 2024 Funding Request for the National Institute of Nursing Research**

### ***Supporting Quality Patient Care, Improved Patient Outcomes, and Healthy Communities through Nursing Science***

**Background:** The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is one of 27 Institutes and Centers within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NINR allocates funds for research that establishes the scientific basis for clinical care and supports critical interdisciplinary scientific training.

The investment that Congress makes to NINR through the NIH addresses some of the most prevalent challenges affecting the health of the American people. Recent examples include:

- Identifying and evaluating emergency preparedness responses.
- Improving health outcomes in communities and reducing health disparities.
- Identifying environmental factors that adversely affect mothers and newborn health.

Funding to support these initiatives, and many others, is critical for nursing science to have a real impact on the nation's most pressing and persistent health challenges.

**The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR) believes that additional funding for NINR by Congress is an investment in cost- saving strategies that will reduce the financial burden on the healthcare system, promote individual accountability for care, and ensure quality healthcare is provided to all citizens. We ask Congress to ensure an allocation of funding to NINR of at least \$210 million.**

#### **Increased funding will help individuals, local communities, and our nation by:**

- Eliminating and managing illness-related symptoms experienced by patients.
- Enhancing patient and family management of chronic health conditions.
- Maintaining wellness of individuals and communities through health promotion and prevention of illness.
- Identifying effective approaches to improve health and quality of life.
- Investing in innovation and healthcare technologies.
- Creating jobs within centers of healthcare to reduce patient-to-nurse staffing ratios, ultimately saving lives while lessening avoidable costs due to hospital readmissions and lengthy hospital stays.

Funding nurse scientists generates an excellent return on investment. To continue NINR's mission of promoting and improving the health of individuals and communities, and ensuring high-quality, cost-effective care for all people across the lifespan, FNINR urges Congress to allocate **at least \$210 million to NINR** for the purpose of tackling, managing, and improving the overall health of society and cost burdens on our Nation's healthcare system.