**Section 593.120 Project Requirements**

a) Projects to be funded through this Part shall respond to requests for proposals distributed by the Department delineating project requirements.

b) Requests for proposals prepared for the Department shall address the following goals:

1) *increase the number of podiatric practice physicians in designated shortage areas;*

2) *increase the number of accredited podiatric practice residencies in Illinois;*

3) *increase the percentage of podiatric practice physicians establishing practice within the State upon completion of residency;*

4) *provide funds for rental of office space, purchase of equipment and other uses necessary to enable podiatrists to locate their practice in communities located in designated shortage areas.* (Section 15(a) of the Act)

c) Projects shall have a director who is a board certified podiatric physician who oversees the educational and professional components of the program and who is eligible to be a faculty member of a school of podiatric medicine.

d) Project directors shall annually submit fiscal and program objective progress reports.