The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois gave the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford a grant of $188,622 to support the expansion to a four-year campus.

Beginning fall 2017, 55 first-year medical students who would have traditionally spent their first year at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus will complete all four years on the Rockford campus. The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford will purchase equipment for a new Team-Based Learning™ classroom and anatomy and virtual dissection labs to accommodate the influx of new students.