

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Strengthening Predominantly Black Institutions

Also Known as

PBIs

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.382A

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

To receive a grant under this program, an IHE must meet the following conditions:

(A) Have an enrollment of needy students as defined by *College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007* (P.L. 110-84);

(B) Have an average education and general expenditure which is low, per full-time equivalent undergraduate student in comparison with the average education and general expenditure per full-time equivalent undergraduate student of IHEs that offer similar instruction, except that the secretary may waive this requirement under certain circumstances described in Sec. 392 (b) of the *Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)*, as amended;

(C) Have an enrollment of undergraduate students—

(i) that is at least 40 percent black American students;

(ii) that is at least 1,000 undergraduate students;

(iii) of which not less than 50 percent of the undergraduate students enrolled are low-income individuals or first-generation college students; and

(iv) of which not less than 50 percent of the undergraduate students are enrolled in an education program leading to a bachelor's or associate degree that the institution is licensed to award by the state in which the institution is located;

(D) Is legally authorized to provide and provides within the state, an education program for which the IHE awards a bachelor's degree, or in the case of a junior or community college, an associate degree;

(E) Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the secretary to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered, or is, according to such agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation; and

(F) Is not receiving assistance under Title III, Part B of *HEA*.

Current Competitions

FY 2008 application deadline expected: June 27, 2008.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$0

Fiscal Year 2007 \$0

Fiscal Year 2008 \$15,000,000

Note: FY 2008 is the first year of funding for this program.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 25

Average New Award: \$600,000

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act, Title IV, Part J, Sec. 499A, as amended by Sec. 802 of the *College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (CCRA)* (P.L.110-84)

Program Regulations

34 *CFR* 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Program Description

The purpose of the Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) program is to strengthen predominantly black institutions to carry out programs in the following areas: science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM); health education; internationalization or globalization; teacher preparation; and improving education outcomes of African-American males.

Types of Projects

Institutions may use federal funds to establish or strengthen programs in the following areas:

- Science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM);
- Health education;
- Internationalization or globalization;
- Teacher preparation; or
- Improving education outcomes of African-American males.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

Education Level (specifically)

Higher Education, Predominantly Black Institutions.

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