

# Archived Information

## UNDERGROUND RAILROAD PROGRAM

<b>Goal:</b> To promote the research, display, interpretation, and collection of artifacts relating to the history of the Underground Railroad and to make the interpretive efforts available to institutions of higher education.	<b>Funding History</b> (\$ in millions)			
	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
	1985	\$0	2000	\$2
	1990	\$0	2001	\$2
<b>Legislation:</b> Part H of Title VIII of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (20 U.S.C. 1153).	1995	\$0	2002 (Requested)	\$0

### Program Description

The Underground Railroad program provides discretionary grants to one or more non-profit educational organizations that are established to research, display, interpret, and collect artifacts relating to the history of the Underground Railroad.

This program is authorized by the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and was funded for the first time in FY 1999. Grants through the Underground Railroad program are used to establish facilities that house, display, and interpret artifacts relating to the history of the Underground Railroad and to make the interpretive efforts available to institutions of higher education. Organizations receiving funds must demonstrate substantial private support through a public-private partnership, create an endowment fund that provides for the ongoing operations of the facility, and establish a network of satellite centers throughout the United States to help disseminate information regarding the Underground Railroad. Also, organizations must submit, for each fiscal year for which the organization receives funding, a report to the Secretary containing a description, plan, and evaluation of the programs and activities supported by the funding and the audited financial statement of the organization for the preceding year.

OBJECTIVE 1: ASSIST NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS IN BUILDING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND CREATING ENDOWMENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT MUSEUM OPERATIONS.

<b>Indicator 1.1 Increased awareness: Ten additional Underground Railroad Web sites will be linked each year within the United States.</b>				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<b>Status:</b> Positive movement toward target.  <b>Explanation:</b> On January 19, 2001, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (OH) launched its web page which will act as a clearinghouse for the documentation of the Underground Railroad in America. It is anticipated that six charter Freedom Stations will participate in the initial software beta-testing in the Spring of 2001, while 20 Freedom Stations will come on-line by the end of 2001.	<b>Sources:</b> Program data. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> FY 2002. <i>Data to be reported:</i> FY 2002.  <b>Validation Procedure:</b> Data supplied by grantees. No formal verification procedure applied.  <b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> None.
FY 1999:	No Data Available	No target set		
FY 2000:	<b>No Data Available</b>	No target set		
FY 2001:	(6 sites expected to participate in betatesting.)	10 linked sites		
FY 2002:				
<b>Indicator 1.2 Fundraising initiatives: Private sector support will increase by 20 percent.</b>				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<b>Status:</b> Baseline established; another year is needed to determine progress.  <b>Explanation:</b> As of January 21, 2001, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center has raised \$33,717,762 in private donations and \$26,433,320 in public (government) funds for a total of \$60,151,082.	<b>Sources:</b> Program data. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> FY 2002. <i>Data to be reported:</i> FY 2002.  <b>Validation Procedure:</b> Data supplied by grantees. No formal verification procedure applied.  <b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> None.
FY 1999:	No Data Available	No target set		
FY 2000:	<b>No Data Available</b>	No target set		
FY 2001:	(\$33,717,762 raised through 1/21/01 in private donations)	Baseline to be established		
FY 2002:				

