

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Strengthening Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HBGIs) Programs

Also Known as

HBCUs and HBGIs

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.031B

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HBGIs) may apply.

Current Competitions

None. FY 2008 funds support continuations and new awards with mandatory funds. Next competition for HBGIs expected in 2009.

Type of Assistance (specifically)

Institutions designated as HBCUs or HBGIs must submit an application. Funds are allocated to HBCUs and HBGIs based on a statute-driven formula. HBGIs receiving discretionary grants are specified in the statute.

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$296,010,000

Fiscal Year 2007 \$296,010,000

Fiscal Year 2008 \$379,997,755

Note: Funds are appropriated separately for Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Strengthening Historically Black Graduate Institutions. In FY 2008, HBCUs received \$238,094,530 and HBGIs received \$56,903,225. In addition, the *College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (CCRAA)* authorized and appropriated an additional \$85,000,000 in mandatory funds in FY 2008 under the the HBCU program.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

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

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 96 HBCUs (*CCRAA* mandatory)

Average New Award: \$885,416 for HBCUs (*CCRAA* mandatory)

Number of Continuation Awards: 96 HBCUs (discretionary); 18 HBGIs

Average Continuation Award: \$2,480,151 for HBCUs (discretionary); \$3,161,290 for HBGIs (discretionary)

Range of Continuation Awards: \$500,000–\$6,000,000 for HBCUs (discretionary); \$1,400,000–\$11,800,000 for HBGIs

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title III, Part B, Sec. 321–327; 20 *U.S.C.* 1060–1063c; Title IV, Part J, Sec. 499A as amended by Sec. 802 of the *College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007* (P.L. 110-84)

Program Regulations

34 *CFR* 608 and 609

Program Description

This program provides financial assistance to HBCUs and HBGIs to establish or strengthen their physical plants, financial management, academic resources, and endowment-building capacity. Activities may include student services, educational equipment acquisition, facility construction, and faculty and staff development.

Types of Projects

Funds may be used for the purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment. Also supported are the construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement of instruction facilities. Funds support faculty exchanges and the development of academic instruction in disciplines in which black Americans are underrepresented. Projects may support the purchase of library materials as well as tutoring, counseling, and student service programs. Also supported are: funds and administrative management; joint use of facilities; establishment or improvement of development offices; establishment or enhancement of programs of teacher education; and establishment of outreach programs.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

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