

**Topical Heading**  
Rehabilitation

**Program Title**

# Traditionally Underserved Populations

**CFDA # (or ED #)**  
84.315

**Administering Office**  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

**Who May Apply (by category)**  
Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies

**Who May Apply (specifically)**  
States, public nonprofit and for-profit agencies and organizations, and Indian tribes may apply for activities under Sec. 21(b)(2)(C). For activities under Sec. 21(b)(2)(A–B), minority entities and Indian tribes may apply.

**Current Competitions**  
None. FY 2008 supports continuations only.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**  
Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Cooperative Agreements

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2006	\$2,291,038
Fiscal Year 2007	\$2,291,038
Fiscal Year 2008	\$2,288,558

**Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information**  
*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 0

Number of Continuation Awards: 11

Average Continuation Award: \$208,000

Range of Continuation Awards: \$100,000–\$250,000

**Legislative Citation**  
*Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Sec. 21(b); 29 U.S.C. 718(b)*

**Program Regulations**  
*EDGAR*

**Program Description**  
The purpose of this program is to make awards to minority entities and American Indian tribes to carry out activities under programs authorized under titles II, III, VI, and VII of the *Rehabilitation Act*, and to conduct research, training, and technical assistance, and related activities to improve services under the act, especially services provided to individuals with minority backgrounds. This program also makes awards to states, public or private nonprofit agencies, and organizations including IHEs and American Indian tribes to promote the participation of minority entities and Indian tribes to enhance their capacity to carry out activities under the act. A "minority entity" is defined by Sec. 21 as a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) of higher education, an American Indian Tribal College or University, or another IHE whose minority student enrollment is at least 50 percent.

**Types of Projects**  
Projects are designed to support training, technical assistance, and related activities provided by minority IHEs and Indian tribes, to improve services under the *Rehabilitation Act*, especially services provided to individuals with disabilities with minority backgrounds, and to promote the participation of minority entities and Indian tribes in activities under the act.

**Education Level (by category)**  
Adult

**Subject Index**

Disabilities, Higher Education, Minority Groups, Postsecondary Education, Vocational Rehabilitation

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<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rsa/index.html>