



Title III Program

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Higher Education Act of 1965

- Part B – Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities
 - Sec. 321 Findings and Purposes
 - (3) the current state of Black colleges and universities is partly attributable to the discriminatory action of the States and the Federal Government and this discriminatory action requires the remedy of enhancement of Black postsecondary institutions to ensure their continuation and participation in fulfilling the Federal mission of equality of educational opportunity;

Program Description

- The Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program provides grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities to assist these institutions in establishing and strengthening their physical plants, academic resources and student services so that they may continue to participate in fulfilling the goal of equality of educational opportunity.

Department of Education's Performance Indicators for HBCUs

- Program Goal: *To improve the capacity of minority-serving institutions, which traditionally have limited resources and large numbers of low-income and minority students, to improve student success and to provide high-quality educational opportunities for their students*

Objectives

- Objective 1: *Increase enrollments at historically Black colleges and universities*
- Objective 2: *Increase the persistence rate for students enrolled at HBCUs*
- Objective 3: *Increase the graduation rate for students enrolled at HBCUs*

Limitations on Allowable Costs

- Allowable Costs
 - A grantee may expend grant funds for activities that are related to carrying out the allowable activities included in its approved application.
- Supplement and **Not** Supplant
 - Grant funds shall be used so that they supplement, and to the extent practical, increase the funds that would otherwise be available for the activities to be carried out under the grant, and in no case supplant those funds.

Allowable Activities

- Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment for educational purposes, including instructional and research purposes.
- Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory, and other instructional facilities, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services.

Allowable Activities

- Support of faculty exchanges, and faculty development and faculty fellowships to assist in attaining advanced degrees in their field of instruction.
- Academic instruction in disciplines in which Black Americans are underrepresented.
- Purchase of library books, periodicals, microfilm, and other educational materials, including telecommunications program materials.

Allowable Activities

- Tutoring, counseling, and student service programs designed to improve academic success.
- Funds and administrative management, and acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening funds management.
- Joint use of facilities, such as laboratories and libraries.

Allowable Activities

- Establishing or improving a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector.
- Establishing or enhancing a program of teacher education designed to qualify students to teach in a public elementary or secondary school in the State that shall include, as part of such program, preparation for teacher certification.

Allowable Activities

- Establishing community outreach programs which will encourage elementary and secondary students to develop the academic skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education.

Title III Activities

- Project Administration
- Digital Technologies for Support of the Teaching/Learning Process
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Increase and Enhance the Visibility and Awareness of the University to the Community at Large/all Stakeholders
- Commission on Colleges: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Reaffirmation Support Activity
 - University Goal: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs

Title III Activities

- **Research Infrastructure Development and Enhancement**
 - University Goals: Increase Applied and Basic Research, Achieve (and maintain) Financial Stability
- **A Virtual Infrastructure for Enhancing Undergraduate Math Teaching and Learning**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success, Increase Applied and Basic Research
- **Enhancing Written Communication Skills through a Writing Center**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success

Title III Activities

- **Increasing Program Retention Rates by Enhancing Academic and Clinical Competencies**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success
- **Innovative Approaches to Curriculum Development in the College of Education**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success

Title III Activities

- Development of Mixed-Signal Solutions, DSP Solutions and Engineering Technology Advanced Research Laboratories in the Engineering Technology Department
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success
- Enhancement of Undergraduate and Graduate Biology Programs
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success

Title III Activities

- **Enhancing the Chemistry Forensic Science Program**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success

- **Enhancing the Food and Nutrition Teaching Facility**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success

Title III Activities

- **Renovating the Department of Music & Drama Teaching and Learning Facility**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success
- **Pathways to Success: Moving Financial aid into the 21st Century**
 - University Goals: Achieve (and maintain) Financial Stability, Increase the Efficiency of University Operations

Title III Activities

- **Strengthening the Academic Enhancement Program**
 - University Goals: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs, Promote Programs that Contribute to Student Success
- **Endowed Chair – Juvenile Justice**
 - University Goal: Strengthen the Quality of Academic Programs

2008 – 2009 Funding

Department of Education Requirements

- HBCUs are to institutionalize financial management and academic program practices and improvements developed under the proposed funded activities.