

# **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Program**

*Revitalizing America's  
Communities*



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Development**  
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# Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been working to provide its partners in community development the tools and resources necessary for significant revitalization. HUD views Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as key partners in rebuilding America's neighborhoods, and annually invites HBCUs to compete for funds to assist in revitalization efforts. While the education of African American youth is their primary mission, HBCUs play many other important roles in the nation, such as serving as economic anchors to the communities that surround them.

HBCUs have been important housing and community development partners with HUD since 1980 when President Carter signed the first Executive Order for the HBCU Program. In 1993, President Clinton signed an Executive Order that greatly expanded the role of HBCUs in national affairs.

## Objective

The HUD HBCU Program is designed to help HBCUs expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including **neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development**, consistent with the purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Since 1991, the HUD HBCU Program has awarded grants to participants to help HUD address local housing, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization needs. HUD encourages HBCUs to get involved in initiatives such as:

- **Neighborhood Networks.** The mission of Neighborhood Networks is to enhance the self-sufficiency, employability and economic self-reliance of low-income families and the elderly living in HUD-insured and HUD-assisted properties by providing such residents with on-site access to computer and training resources;

- **Campus Of Learners.** This initiative is designed to transform public housing into safe and livable communities where families partake in educational and job training opportunities including training in telecommunications and computer technology; and
- **Local Homeownership Partnerships.** Recognized by the National Partners in Homeownership, these partnerships are local manifestations of the Administration's National Homeownership Strategy and are designed to increase homeownership opportunity through public-private collaboration.

## Who Is Eligible?

Only HBCUs as determined by the Department of Education in 34 CFR 608.2 in accordance with that Department's responsibilities under Executive Order 12677, dated April 28, 1989, are eligible for funding under the HBCU Program.

## Eligible Activities

Each activity proposed for funding must meet both a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program national objective **AND** the CDBG eligibility requirements which are described below. In addition, HBCUs must obtain a letter from the Chief Executive Officer of the unit of general local government in which they propose to conduct activities, certifying that the activities are consistent with the Consolidated Plan or other officially approved Comprehensive Plan of the jurisdiction to be served.

- a. **National Objectives.** Each activity that may be funded must meet one of three national objectives of the CDBG Program. Objectives and the criteria for determining whether an activity addresses one or more of them are provided at 24 CFR 570.208.
- b. **Eligible Activities.** Eligible activities that may be funded are those activities eligible for CDBG funding. These activities are listed in 24 CFR part 570, subpart C, particu-

larly Sections 570.201 through 570.206. Ineligible activities are listed at Section 570.207. Additionally, an activity which otherwise is eligible under Section 570.201-206 may not be funded if State or local law requires that it be carried out by a government entity. Examples of activities that generally can be carried out with these funds include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property;
- Clearance and demolition;
- Rehabilitation of residential structures to increase housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons and rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings to correct code violations or for certain other purposes;
- Direct homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income persons, as provided in Section 105(a)(25) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
- Acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities and streets;
- Special economic development activities described at 24 CFR 570.203;
- Eligible public service activities, including activities that provide a continuum of care for the homeless; adult basic education classes; GED preparation and testing; job and career counseling and assessment; public access telecommunications centers including "Campus of Learners" and "Neighborhood Networks"; social and medical services; other support activities for youth, senior citizens and other low- and moderate-income residents; and/or fair housing services designed to further the fair housing objectives of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-20) by making all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status and/or disability aware of the range of housing opportunities available to them;
- Establishment of a Community Development Corporation (CDC) to undertake eligible activities; and
- Assistance to community-based development organizations to carry out a CDBG neighborhood revitalization, economic

development, or energy conservation project, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.204. This could include activities in support of a HUD-approved local CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy or HUD-approved State CDBG Community Revitalization Strategy. HBCUs proposing a CDC component may qualify for community-based development organization activities.

## **Additional Information**

To learn more about HUD's HBCU Program, contact:

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<http://www.hud.gov/cpd/hbcu.html>

To learn more about the National HBCU Program, contact:

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Black Colleges and Universities  
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# Historically Black Colleges & Universities

## Alabama

Alabama A&M University  
Alabama State University  
Bishop State Community College  
Concordia College  
Fredd State Technical College  
Lawson State Community College  
Miles College  
Oakwood College  
Selma University  
J.F. Drake Technical College  
Stillman College  
Talladega College  
Trenholm State Technical College  
Tuskegee University

## Arkansas

Arkansas Baptist College  
Philander Smith College  
Shorter College  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

## Delaware

Delaware State University

## District of Columbia

Howard University  
University of the District of Columbia

## Florida

Bethune-Cookman College  
Edward Waters College  
Florida A&M University  
Florida Memorial College

## Georgia

Albany State College  
Clark Atlanta University  
Fort Valley State College  
Interdenominational Theological Center  
Morehouse College  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Morris Brown College  
Paine College  
Savannah State College  
Spelman College

## Kentucky

Kentucky State University

## Louisiana

Dillard University  
Grambling State University  
Southern University  
Southern University A&M College  
Southern University at New Orleans  
Southern University at Shreveport/  
Bossier City  
Xavier University of New Orleans

## Maryland

Bowie State University  
Coppin State College  
Morgan State University  
University of Maryland Eastern  
Shore

## Michigan

Lewis College of Business

## Mississippi

Alcorn State University  
Coahoma Community College  
Hinds Community College  
Jackson State University  
Mary Holmes College  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Rust College  
Tougaloo College

## Missouri

Harris-Stowe State College  
Lincoln University

**North Carolina**

Barber-Scotia College  
Bennett College  
Elizabeth City State University  
Fayetteville State University  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Livingstone College  
North Carolina A&T State University  
North Carolina Central University  
St. Augustine's College  
Shaw University  
Winston-Salem State University

**Ohio**

Central State University  
Wilberforce University

**Oklahoma**

Langston University

**Pennsylvania**

Cheyney State University  
Lincoln University

**South Carolina**

Allen University  
Benedict College  
Claflin College  
Clinton Junior College  
Denmark Technical College  
Morris College  
South Carolina State University  
Voorhees College

**Tennessee**

Fisk University  
Knoxville College  
Lane College  
LeMoyné-Owen College  
Meharry Medical College  
Tennessee State University

**Texas**

Huston-Tillotson College  
Jarvis Christian College  
Paul Quinn College  
Prairie View A&M University  
St. Philip's College  
Southwestern Christian College  
Texas College  
Texas Southern University  
Wiley College

**Virginia**

Hampton University  
Norfolk State University  
Saint Paul's College  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Union University

**West Virginia**

Bluefield State College  
West Virginia State University

**U.S. Virgin Islands**

University of the Virgin Islands

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