

HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES 2002 GRANTS SUMMARIES

TENNESSEE

Fisk University

Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee will receive a Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program grant of \$550,000 to expand its revitalization activities in the North Nashville community. In collaboration with its partners—Meharry Medical College and Tennessee State University—Fisk will use the grant funds to renovate two historical homes; provide operating support for the community development initiatives of the North Nashville Community Development Corporation(CDC); build the capacity of the North Nashville Small Business Development Center; and support the marketing and promotion of historic Jefferson Street, the commercial corridor connecting the three universities. Through its grant activities, the consortium aims to achieve the goals identified in the CDC Master Plan: increase and improve the housing stock; establish North Nashville as a unique destination to attract businesses and residents; increase business investment; and increase connections between North Nashville's existing street pattern and greater Nashville. Specific activities will include establishment of a redevelopment district, sponsorship of community meetings to discuss and prioritize improvements to the road network, the hiring of a full-time counselor for the Small Business Development Center and the implementation of new programs, and the engagement of Fisk social science students in the development of a community plan for the Jefferson St. corridor.

LeMoyne-Owen College

Lemoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee will use \$549,062 in Historically Black Colleges and Universities funds to continue its Project Renaissance program. With decreasing literacy rates, rising unemployment, and deteriorating housing, the target community is in great need of revitalization. The Lemoyne-Owen College Community Development Corporation will conduct four activities related to the Project Renaissance program to address the community's needs. Activities related to capacity building, technical assistance, community development, and economic development will all help to assist the community in achieving its goals of becoming an integral part of the 21st century economy.