

HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES 2002 GRANTS SUMMARIES

VIRGINIA

Hampton University

Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia will receive a Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program grant of \$301,505 to expand and strengthen the role and effectiveness of its Department of Architecture in addressing community development needs throughout the City of Hampton. The project will develop and implement after-school and inter-session programs for Spratley Middle School teens in the areas of architecture, neighborhoods, and community revitalization, and form an "architecture club" that will address current neighborhood issues. Other education activities will include implementing effective teaching strategies for teachers and reinforcing home study teaching techniques for parents to increase test scores among children in the language arts area, and initiation of a two-month Summer Day Camp on neighborhood identity for at-risk teens. The project will also work with governmental agencies, community representatives, and other stakeholders to enhance fair housing outreach strategies through education and training forums and by developing print materials and other media to disseminate fair housing information. Hampton University students will work with local and national professionals to develop prototype designs for affordable and accessible housing, with a primary goal of enhancing housing choice for elderly and disabled persons. Special emphasis will be placed on designing retrofit schemes for the existing housing stock.

Norfolk State University

Norfolk State University in Virginia will receive a \$500,000 grant from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program. Together with the City of Norfolk and the Norfolk Redevelopment Housing Authority, Norfolk State will continue revitalization efforts in the neighborhoods of Brambleton, Huntersville, Church Street, and nearby public housing communities. The six key targets of this endeavor include new construction of single-family homes, the creation of a public housing data bank, establishing a small business incubator, offering more opportunities to complete high school (GED), increased housing affordability, and health, education, and cultural programs for low-moderate income persons in the target communities.