

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Purpose of the Program

To assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing and economic development, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.

Eligible Applicants

- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities of higher education that meet the definition of an HBCU as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.**
- **All applicants must be accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.**

Award Information

- **In FY 06, approximately \$10.4 million is available for award.**
- **Two kinds of grants will be awarded under this program.**

Award Information

Category I Grants

- **Will be awarded to provide critical resources and assistance to institutions that sustained in excess of \$50 million in damage and destruction from hurricanes Katrina or Rita in FY'05.**
- **No assistance may be provided for any expenses compensated through insurance or otherwise provided or paid by any other program, persons, and/or entity.**

Award Information

Category I Grants- Cont.

- **An applicant may request up to \$2.0 million for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.**
- **Approximately \$6.0 million will be made available to fund applicants under this Category.**

Award Information

Category II Grants

- Will be awarded to institutions to expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, or a designated disaster area, including neighborhood revitalization, housing and economic development.

Award Information

Category II Grants (con't)

- **An applicant can request up to \$600,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.**
- **Approximately \$4.4 million will be made available to fund applicants under this Category.**

Major Modifications to the FY2006 Program Announcement

- 1. The 15 percent cap on the total grant amount that can be used for public service activities can now be waived.**

Applicants seeking to devote more than 15 percent of the grant funds to public service activities must include a written request in their application.

Major Modifications to the FY2006 Program Announcement (Cont.)

- 2. Current HBCU grantees that have two or more active HBCU grants are no longer required to have drawn down 50 percent or more of the funding awarded under those grants prior to the due date of May 19, 2006 to be eligible for funding under this NOFA.**

Major Modifications to the FY2006 Program Announcement (Cont.)

- 3. Commitment letters, memoranda of understanding and/or agreements are not required at the time of application submission but must be on file.**

Applicants selected for award will be required to submit the signed commitment letters, memoranda of understanding and/or agreements outlined in the application, within twenty (20) calendar days after initial contact from the Office of University Partnerships (OUP).

Major Modifications to the FY 2006 Program Announcement (Cont.)

- 4. Applicants submitting electronic applications must attach their narrative responses to Rating Factors 1-5 as one attachment. PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH YOUR RESPONSE TO EACH FACTOR SEPARATELY.**

- 5. Applications must be received and validated by May 19, 2006.**

Application Submission

Electronic applications must be received and validated by Grant.gov by 11:59:59 PM (eastern time) on:

May 19, 2006

Please be sure to read the General Section for electronic submission and receipt requirements.

Rating Factors for Award

Factor 1-Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (25 Points)

- **Knowledge and Experience - For Category I and First Time Category II Applicants (25 Points).**
For Previously Funded Category II Applicants (10 Points).
- **Past Performance – (15 points) - For Previously Funded Category II applicants.**

Rating Factors for Award (con't)

Factor 2 - Need/Extent of the Problem (15 Points)

Factor 3 - Soundness of Approach (40 Points)

- 1. Specific Activities. For Category I Applicants (28 Points) For Category II Applicants (25 Points).**

Rating Factors for Award (con't)

Factor 3 (con't)

- 2. Describe how proposed activities will: (a) expand role of institution in community (category II applicants only); (b) address needs in factor 2; (c) relate to and not duplicate other activities in the area; and (d) involve and empower citizens of the target area. (8 Points)**

Rating Factors for Award (con't)

Factor 3 (con't).

- **Involvement of Faculty and Students- For Category II Applicants Only (3 Points)**
- **HUD Policy Priorities (2 Points)**
- **Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very-Low Income Persons (Provision of Section 3). (2 Points)**

Rating Factors for Award (con't)

**Factor 4 - Leveraging Resources
(8 Points)**

**Factor 5 - Achieving Results and
Program Evaluation (12 Points)**

Application Content

- The narrative section of the application must not exceed 50 pages (excluding forms, budget narrative, assurances, and abstracts).
- The application must be doubled spaced on one side, with one inch margins from top to bottom, left to right and printed in standard 12 point font. Each page must include the applicant's name and should be numbered.

Additional Information

- **Review the Threshold Requirements for funding as outlined under this program NOFA and the General Section of the SuperNOFA.**

APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

- **The RC/EZ/EC-II, as described in the General Section, does not apply to this program.**

Additional Information (con't)

- **Make sure you are registered. For general information and step-by-step instructions call Grants. Gov Contact Center at 800-518-GRANTS (4726) or email support@grants.**
- **Remember each year you must renew your registration.**

Additional Information (con't)

- **Applications submitted via Grants.gov. must go through a two step process before they can be received and validated:**
 - 1. First an applicant will receive a confirmation notice from Grants.gov confirming that their application was received.**
 - 2. Next the application must go through the validation process. This process takes 24 to 48 hours after the application submission.**
- **Applications will not be accepted by HUD unless they have completed the validation process.**

General Tips

- **Read the NOFA carefully.**
- **Prepare application in accordance with requirements outlined in the NOFA.**
- **Use the application checklist.**
- **Address each factor carefully and fully. Do not repeat material in response to the five factors.**

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