

# **TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM (TCUP)**

## **Purpose of the Program**

**To assist Tribal Colleges and Universities to:**

- **Build, expand, renovate, and equip their own facilities; and**
- **Expand the role of the TCU into the community through the provision of needed services such as health programs, job training and economic development activities.**

## **Eligible Applicants**

- **Tribal Colleges and Universities that meet the definition of a TCU established in Title III of the 1998 amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965.**
- **TCU must be accredited or a candidate for accreditation.**

## **Award Information**

**In FY 06, approximately \$3.1 million has been made available for award.**

- **The maximum amount an applicant can request for award is \$600,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.**

## **Major Modifications in the FY 2006 Program Announcement**

- **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, MOUs and/or agreements outlined in the application, within twenty (20) calendar days after initial contact from the Office of University Partnerships.**

## **Major Modifications in the FY 2006 Program Announcement (con't)**

- **TCUP expanded to include the provision of public services as an eligible activity.**
- **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.**

## **Major Modifications in the FY 2006 Program Announcement (con't)**

- **Paper application submissions must be received by HUD by the deadline date -- no 15-day grace period.**
- **Logic models are drop down lists; select items that reflect the activities and outcomes you plan to undertake and achieve.**

## **Application Submission**

- **Electronic applications must be received and validated by 11:59:59 PM (eastern time) on:**

**May 22, 2006**

- **Please read the General Section of the SuperNOFA published January 20, 2006, for electronic submission and receipt requirements.**



## Factors for Award

- **Factor 1 - Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Experience. (25 points)**

### *Knowledge and Experience.*

- **For First Time Applicants. (25 points)**
- **For Previously Funded Applicants. (15 points)**

### *Previous Performance*

- **For Previously Funded Applicants Only. (10 points)**

## **Factors for Award (con't)**

- **Factor 2 – Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)**
- **Factor 3 - Soundness of Approach (44 Points)**
  - **Quality of the Work Plan (40 Points)**
  - **Involvement of Faculty and Students (2 Points)**
  - **HUD Policy Priorities (2 Points)**

## **Factors for Award (con't)**

- **Factor 4 – Leveraging Resources (9 Points)**
- **Factor 5 – Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (12 Points)**

# **Application Format**

- **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 threshold requirements as outlined in the the TCUP NOFA and the General Section of the SuperNOFA.**

**APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

## Additional Information (con't)

- The RC/EZ/EC-II, described in the General Section does not apply to TCUP.
- Registration
  - 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](mailto:support@grants).

## **Additional Information (con't)**

- **[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) -- “Getting Started”**
- **Notice of Opportunity to Register Early for Electronic Submission of Grant Applications for HUD Funding Opportunities; Early Registration with Grants.gov**
- **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. Applicants will receive a confirmation notice from Grants.gov confirming that their application was received.**



## **Additional Information (con't)**

- 2. Applications must go through the validation process. This process takes 24 to 48 hours after the application is submitted.**

**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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