

## **TITLE III General Information**

### **PURPOSE**

**Program Office:** Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service

**Program Type:** Discretionary Grants

**Also Known As:** HBCU's and HBGI's

### **PROGRAM DISCRIPTION**

This program provides financial assistance to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HBGIS) to establish or strengthen their physical plants, financial management, academic resources, and endowment-building capacity. Activities may include student services, educational equipment acquisition, facility construction and faculty and staff development.

### **TYPES OF PROJECTS**

Funds may be used for the purchase, rental or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment. Also supported are the construction, maintenance, renovation and improvement of instruction facilities. Funds support faculty exchanges and the development of academic instruction in disciplines in which black Americans are underrepresented. Projects may support the purchase of library materials as well as tutoring, counseling, and student service programs. Also supported are: funds and administrative management; joint use of facilities; establishment or improvement of development offices; establishment or enhancement of programs of teacher education; and establishment of outreach programs.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening HBCU program, an institution must be designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education as a Historically Black College or University. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, defines an HBCU as an institution established prior to 1964 whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans, and must—

1. Satisfy Section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA);
2. Be legally authorized by the State in which it is located—
  - i. To be a junior or community college; or
  - ii. To provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree; and,
3. Be accredited or pre-accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association.