

Frequently Asked Questions About the Strengthening HBCU or Title III Program

Jackson State University has a Title III Program, what is it?

Jackson State University sponsors two Higher Education-Institutional Aid Program grants, commonly referred to as Title III Programs that are funded by the United States Department of Education. The first is the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program and the second is the Strengthening Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HBGI) Program. These grants are used to aid the University in achieving critical developmental goals. Funds are administered effectively to ensure that both the national goal of equalizing educational opportunity and, the University's goal of guiding students in acquiring general, liberal, and professional education are fulfilled.

How does Jackson State get this grant?

To be eligible to receive a grant under the Strengthening HBCU Program grant, an institution must be designated by the Secretary of the United States 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. Additionally, the institution must . . .

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

What is the purpose of these grants?

This grants provide 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.

What type of projects can these grants fund?

Title III Program funds are used to support a variety of initiatives. Funds may be used . . .

- For the purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or laboratory equipment.
- To support the construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement of instruction facilities.
- To support faculty exchanges and the development of academic instruction in disciplines in which black Americans are underrepresented.
- For projects that support the purchase of library materials as well as tutoring, counseling, and student service programs.

To support 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.