

# **PART 608 - STRENGTHENING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM**

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or an equivalent degree; and

- (iii) Provides an educational program of not less than 2 years that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree; or offers a 2-year program in engineering, mathematics, or the physical or biological sciences, designed to prepare a student to work as a technician or at the semiprofessional level in engineering, scientific, or other technological fields requiring the understanding and application of basic engineering, scientific, or mathematical principles of knowledge.

*Pell Grant* means the grant program authorized by Title IV-A-1 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

*Preaccredited* means a status, also called candidacy status, that a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, recognized by the Secretary to grant that status, has accorded an unaccredited institution that is making reasonable progress toward accreditation.

*School year* means the period of time from July 1 of one calendar year through June 30 of the subsequent calendar year. (A "school year" is equivalent to an "award year" under the Pell Grant Program.)

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1060-1063)

## **Subpart B-What Kind of Projects Does the Secretary Fund?**

### **⇒ 608.10 What activities may be carried out under a grant?**

(a) ***Allowable activities.*** Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a grantee may carry out the following activities under this part-

- (1) Purchase, rental, or lease of **scientific or laboratory equipment** for educational purposes, including instructional or research purposes;
- (2) Construction, maintenance, renovation, and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory, and other instructional facilities, including purchase or rental of **telecommunications technology equipment or services**;
- (3) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty development and faculty fellowships to assist these faculty members in **attaining advanced degrees** in their fields of instruction;
- (4) Academic instruction in disciplines in which Black Americans are underrepresented;
- (5) Purchase of library books, periodicals, microfilm, and other educational materials, including **telecommunications program materials**;
- (6) Tutoring, counseling, and student service programs designed to improve academic success;
- (7) Funds and administrative management, and acquisition of equipment for use in

~~strengthening funds management;~~

- (8) ~~Joint use~~ of facilities, such as laboratories and libraries;
- (9) Establishing or improving a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector;
- (10) Establishing or enhancing a program of teacher education designed to qualify students to teach in a public elementary or secondary school in the State that shall include, as part of the program, preparation for teacher certification;
- (11) Establishing community outreach programs that will encourage elementary and secondary students to develop the academic skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education; and
- (12) Other activities that it proposes in its application that contribute to carrying out the purpose of this part and are approved by the Secretary as part of the review and acceptance of the application.

(b) ***Unallowable activities.*** A grantee may not carry out the following activities under this part-

- (1) Activities that are not included in the grantee's approved application;
- (2) Activities described in paragraph (a)(12) of this section that are not approved by the Secretary;
- (3) Activities that are inconsistent with any State plan of higher education that is applicable to the institution;
- (4) Activities that are inconsistent with a State plan for desegregation of higher education that is applicable to the institution;
- (5) Activities or services that relate to sectarian instruction or religious worship; and
- (6) Activities provided by a school or department of divinity. For the purpose of this section, a "school or department of divinity" means an institution, or a department of an institution, whose program is specifically for the education of students to prepare them to become ministers of religion or to enter upon some other religious vocation, or to prepare them to teach theological subjects.

(c) No award under this part may be used for telecommunications technology equipment, facilities or services, if such equipment, facilities or services are available pursuant to 396(k) of the Communications Act of 1934.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1062, 1063a, and 1069c)

### ➤ 608.11 What is the duration of a grant?

The Secretary may award a grant under this part for a period of up to five academic years.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1063b(b))

## **Subpart C-How Does an Eligible Institution Apply for a Grant?**

### ➤ 608.20 What are the application requirements for a grant under this part?