



Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)



Estey Hall at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina
SHAW UNIVERSITY

Who May Apply

- All accredited HBCU institutions listed at nces.ed.gov.

What Is Funded

- Preservation projects that fund physical preservation of historic sites to include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Projects must comply with Section 106, NEPA, and execute a preservation covenant/easement.
- Eligible costs include pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, campus-wide preservation plans, National Register nominations and amendments, and the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards & Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*.
- Properties must be listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark either individually or as part of a district. Projects that are not listed on the National Register must include a nomination or amendment to an existing nomination as part of their project

What Is Not Funded

- Construction of new buildings
- Acquisition of collections or historic sites
- Long-term maintenance or work outside the grant period
- Reconstructing historic properties (recreating all or a significant portion that no longer exists or was removed)
- Moving or work on moved historic properties that are no longer eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- Cash reserves, endowments, revolving funds, or fund-raising costs
- Work performed prior to announcement of award
- Lobbying or advocacy activities
- Costs for work already completed or funded through other federal programs
- Costs to manage the grant may not exceed 25% of the total budget per statute
- Miscellaneous costs, contingencies, reserves, and overhead

Grant Amounts

The minimum grant request is \$50,000 federal share. The maximum grant request is \$750,000 federal share. Please note that the selection panel may, at its discretion, award less than the minimum grant request. Matching funds are not required, but may be considered as part of the evaluation process.

Selection Process

NPS personnel and qualified Federal employees will review all complete proposals using the criteria outlined below. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the material provided in the application. Additional materials not specifically required by the application, and materials sent separately from the application, will not be considered. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested after the grant process is complete. All funded grantees will undergo a risk assessment as part of the award process.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Project descriptions must address, and applications will be rated on, each of the criteria listed below. NPS will evaluate and consider only complete applications that separately address each of the four criteria. All criteria are rated equally. You are required to provide a detailed narrative of these elements using the project description and budget justification worksheets. These items along with other required application documents are only available through Grants.gov.

- Significance:** Describe the historic resource(s) in the proposed project and the role it/they played in the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) experience. Discuss National Register significance and the integrity of the resource. Describe how well the project will result in the recognition, understanding, and preservation of the resource.
- Need/Urgency/Threat:** Describe the current condition of the historic property and explain how it is threatened or endangered. The source(s), nature, extent, and severity of the threat, danger, or damage to the property must be clearly and convincingly argued. Discuss how the project is the next logical step toward the resource's preservation.
- Mitigation of Threat:** Project must substantially mitigate or eliminate the threat, danger, or damage described and must have a clear public benefit (for example, historic places open for visitation or public use). Clearly state what preservation activities will be undertaken as part of this project and how they will follow the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation*.
- Feasibility:** Describe all tasks and their results. Discuss your timeline (located below) and budget justification (separate document) to show that costs are necessary, reasonable, and allowable. Demonstrate how you will successfully complete the project within the given time frame (2-3 years) and with the given resources while meeting all federal requirements and guidelines. Briefly describe who will be involved in carrying out the project and their qualifications, attach resumes/CVs as applicable.

Process and Deadlines

Applications are anticipated to open in fall of 2024 and are due winter of 2025. Congress has appropriated \$11 million for this program in fiscal year 2024. All applications must be made through Grants.gov. No paper applications will be accepted. Registration in Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and other federal systems can take up to four weeks, so please start early. Extensions will not be granted due to incomplete registrations in these systems. To be notified when the grant opportunity opens, please visit Grants.gov and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA number 15.932. You can create a saved search on Grants.gov under the "Connect" menu "Manage Subscriptions."

Additional Information

Visit [go.nps.gov/hbcu](https://www.nps.gov/hbcu) for more information about this grant program.

For more information on our other programs, please visit [go.nps.gov/grants](https://www.nps.gov/grants).

For application assistance:
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For Grants.gov assistance:
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