

2014 Farm Bill Authorized Provisions for HSIs and HSACUs

Provision I: Competitive Grant Program for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) (Reauthorized) - Infrastructure Enhancement: To strengthen institutions abilities to carry out education, applied research, and related community development programs.

New funding authorization: \$40 million

Provision II: Hispanic-Serving Agriculture Colleges and Universities (HSACU) with requirement that a HSACU must: (i) qualify as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, and (ii) offer associate, bachelors, or other accredited degree programs in agriculture and related fields.

Provision III: Endowment Fund for HSACUs - From appropriations and interest earned on endowment, a distribution will be made October 1 of each fiscal year; 60 percent shall be distributed among the Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities on a pro rata basis based on the Hispanic enrollment count of each institution; 40 percent equal shares to HSACUs. Funding authorization: \$80,000 multiplied by the number of HSACUs

Provision IV: Institutional Capacity-Building Grant Program for HSACUs - A competitive grant program for institutional capacity-building (not including alteration, repair, renovation, or construction of buildings. Funding Authorization: such sums as may be necessary

Provision V: Competitive Research Grant Program for HSACUs - To fund fundamental and applied research in agriculture, human, nutrition, food science, bio-energy and environmental science. Funding authorization: such sums as may be necessary

Provision VI: Eligibility of HSACUs for International Agriculture Research and Extension - To promote and support development of a viable and sustainable global agriculture system, anti-hunger and improved international nutrition efforts; and increased quantity, quality and availability of food.

Provision VII: Hispanic-Serving Institution Agricultural Land National Resources Leadership Program - A competitive grants program to establish an undergraduate scholarship program to assist in the recruitment, retention and training of Hispanics and under-represented groups for careers in forestry and related fields. Funding Authorization: such sums as may be necessary

Provision VIII: Competitive Grants Program for Hispanic Agricultural Workers and Youth – A competitive grants program to fund research and extension at HSACUs and to award competitive grants to HSACUs to provide for training in the food and agricultural sciences of Hispanic agricultural workers and Hispanic youth working in the food and agricultural sciences.