

U.S. Department of Education



FY 2014 Appropriations Recommendation

HACU requests FY 2014 U.S. Department of Education appropriations of \$275 million for Title V of HEA:

- **\$175 million for the Developing HSIs program for undergraduate support.**
- **\$100 million for the Promoting Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans for graduate education support for HSIs.**

Funding History: Appropriations for HSIs increased gradually from \$12 million in FY 1995 to \$117 million in FY 2010. But FY 2011 appropriations declined to \$104M and decreased further to \$100M for FY 2012. HSIs remain one of the most under-funded categories of institutions serving the most under-educated, under-served and fastest-growing student population in the Nation.

Prior to FY 2009 HSIs received no targeted federal support for graduate education. In FY 2011 HSIs received \$9.3M for graduate programs and \$9M for 2012 (in addition to a mandated \$11M each year).

The 2008 HEA Reauthorization increased authorization levels for Part A of Title V to \$175M and \$100M for the post-baccalaureate program in Part B. Years of underfunding of HSIs and the growing numbers of Hispanics attending HSIs support HACU's recommendation of \$175M for undergraduate education and \$100M for graduate education for FY 2014.

Need:

- Between 2000 and 2010, Hispanics accounted for 54 percent of the labor growth. It is projected that between 2010 and 2010, 74 percent of the growth in the U.S. labor force will be Hispanic.
- As of 2012, of Hispanics ages 25 years and older, only 14.5 percent have a bachelor's degree, and only 4 percent an advanced degree, compared to 34.5 percent and 12.5 percent respectively for non-Hispanic whites.
- HSIs serve the largest concentrations of our nation's youngest and largest ethnic population. HSIs on average receive only 66 cents per student for every federal dollar allocated to all other degree-granting institutions.
- The number of HSIs has more than doubled from 137 in 1990 to 356 institutions in 2011. In addition, over 250 "emerging HSIs" with enrollments already between 15 and 25 percent Hispanic are likely to become HSIs within the next decade.
- Post-baccalaureate education and training are critical for the nation's economic strength. Only 20 percent of HSIs offer a master's degree and less than 12 percent of HSIs offer a doctoral degree. Many under-funded HSIs lack capacity to offer advanced degree programs. More adequate funding of the HSI post-baccalaureate program will address this need.

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