

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

FY 2014 Appropriations Recommendation



HACU requests a FY 2014 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appropriation of \$20M for HSIs:

- *\$15 million for the HUD Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) program to extend the reach of HUD programs into fast-growing Hispanic communities.*
- *\$5 million to reinstate the HUD Hispanic-Serving Institution Work-Study Program (HSI-WSP) to aid students at two-year HSIs.*

Funding History: While the number of HSIs has increased from 230 in 2000 to 356 in 2011, the support for HSIs from HUD has not been on a par with this demographic change.

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Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Grant	\$3.5M	\$3.5M	\$4.1M	\$4.6M	\$5.6M	\$6.0M	\$6.0M	\$5.6M	\$6.0M	\$9.2M	0	0

Need:

- Past HSIAC grants have funded projects ranging from construction of community learning centers to child care development centers and youth services facilities. HSIAC program funds must benefit primarily low- and moderate-income residents, help prevent or eliminate slums or blight, or meet urgent community development needs. Because Hispanics suffer disproportionately high poverty rates and because HSIs tend to be located in or near Hispanic communities, restoring and increasing HSIAC program funding can benefit more of these needy communities.
- In the past, HUD also provided the Hispanic-Serving Institutions Work-Study Program (HSI-WSP) for eligible community colleges to provide tuition and other assistance to low-income, full-time students who are pursuing degrees for careers in community service and development. In 1999, \$3 million was available for HSI-WSP grants specifically targeted to two-year HSIs. A diverse base of dedicated professionals is needed to revitalize the nation's impoverished, largely urban communities, especially those with large and fast-growing minority populations where two-year HSIs already are located.

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