



**Fiscal Year 2017
Appropriations Wins**

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**Fiscal Year 2017 House
Appropriations Wins Regarding
HSI's**

Agriculture

1. Language encouraging the NIFA to promote research at HSIs.

“Research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions.--The Committee encourages National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to continue to support biotechnology by promoting research at the land-grant colleges and universities, including the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, and directs NIFA to encourage partnerships among universities and industry.”

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1. Ensure HSIs are represented in NASA’s SEAP program.

“*STEM Education and Accountability Programs (SEAP)* – NASA shall brief the committee on the intended distribution of fiscal year 2017 SEAP resources to individual activities; how that distribution compares to the fiscal year 2016 distribution of SEAP funding; how that distribution supports the priorities contained in the government-wide STEM education strategic plan; and what partnerships NASA has formed through its various SEAP programs with Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities”

2. Encourage the NSF to work with HSIs on cybersecurity research.

“National Science Foundation - Cybersecurity Research. The committee encourages the NSF to form partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities”

3. \$30 million in new funding for an HSI-specific program within NSF.

Broadening participation programs.--To broaden the participation of underrepresented populations in STEM education programs and, ultimately, the STEM workforce, the recommendation provides no less than \$35,000,000 for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program; \$46,000,000 for the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation; and \$14,000,000 for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program. In addition, over the past several years, this Committee has asked NSF to consider creating a program within EHR to focus on Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). Such a program was authorized in the America COMPETES Act of 2010. The Committee directs NSF to establish an HSI-specific program no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act and demonstrate a \$30,000,000 investment no later than September 30, 2017.

Defense (Passed House)

1. \$35.572 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions Program (HBCU/MI). This is \$12 million above the President's FY17 budget request.
2. Encouraging partnerships with HSIs within the National Security Education Program
"The Committee supports the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community's partnerships with institutions of higher education to ensure an adequate level of servicemembers maintain proficiency in critical languages. The Committee believes that these efforts should include minority serving institutions, such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, to ensure diversity within the Intelligence Community and to increase the number of analysts with proficiency in critical languages and cultural studies, including Russian, Chinese, Farsi, Arabic, and Turkish."
3. STEM Improvement within Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions (HSIs)

"The Committee remains concerned about the long-term development of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workforce pipeline for underrepresented minorities. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to emphasize STEM education improvement within the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions, Tribal and Native American Colleges, and Hispanic Colleges and Universities, and to focus on increasing the participation of minority students through engaged mentoring, enriched research experiences, and opportunities to publish, present, and network. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to consider these factors when awarding competitive funding under this program to expand STEM opportunities for underrepresented minorities. "

Energy & Water

1. \$18,956,000 for Minority Serving Institution Partnerships Program

Academic Alliances and Partnerships.- "The recommendation includes \$18,956,000 for the Minority Serving Institution Partnerships Program (MSIPP), including funding for the Tribal College Initiative." This is in line with the President's budget request and \$2,456,000 above FY16.

2. DOE National laboratories develop partnerships with HSIs, HBCU

"The Committee recognizes the importance of workplace diversity in the Department of Energy's national laboratories. The Committee encourages the Department to continue to develop and broaden partnerships with minority serving institutions, including Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In particular, the Committee encourages programs involving undergraduate research experiences and high-speed computing access and education."

Financial Services (Passed House)

1. Work to speed up the hiring process and work with HSIs.

“Recruitment – The Committee is concerned with the length of time it often takes the Federal Government to hire qualified employees. Rigid rules along with long delays in the hiring and interview process discourage top candidates from applying for or accepting Federal positions. The Committee encourages the OPM to seek feedback on its recruitment process, explore and implement hiring process enhancements to reduce the delays in the hiring and notification process, and improve overall the Federal recruitment process.

As part of OPM’s mission to recruit and hire the most talented and diverse Federal workforce, the Committee encourages Federal agencies to increase recruitment efforts within the United States and the territories and at Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.”

Interior and Environment *(Passed House)*

1. Encouraging all agencies funded by this Act to support educational and outreach programs for HSIs, HBCUs, Tribal Colleges:
Educational and Outreach Programs. The Committee strongly supports educational and outreach programs of the agencies funded through the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill and encourages that their efforts reach the widest possible audience, including but not limited to, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges and Universities, as appropriate.
2. Language encouraging Smithsonian Latino Programs to engage HSIs, etc:
Latino Programs, Exhibitions, Collections and Public Outreach. - The Committee supports the Smithsonian Latino Center’s goal of promoting the inclusion of Latino contributions in Smithsonian Institution programs, exhibitions, collections and public outreach. The Committee urges collaboration among interested parties to advance these goals more fully by utilizing existing Smithsonian Institution museum locations for the expansion of the Smithsonian Latino Center’s programming, exhibition and collection space. The Committee has provided funds, as requested, to support the Institution’s Latino initiatives.

LABOR- HHS – EDUCATION

1. \$107,795,000 for the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. This is in line with the President’s FY17 budget request and level funding from FY16.
2. \$9,671,000.00 for the Promoting Post Baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program. This is in line with the President’s FY17 budget request and level funding from FY16.

Legislative Branch *(Passed House)*

1. LOC partnerships with HSIs

“Outreach: The Committee Encourages the Library of Congress to increase cooperative partnerships, fellowship opportunities, and curriculum program associations with post-secondary institutions that have significant percentages of minority students including Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.”

MILCON – VA (Passed House)

1. HSI Affiliations with VA Health Care Facilities: Encourages the VA to work in collaboration with medical schools at HSI's.

“Hispanic-Serving Institution affiliations with VA health care facilities.-The Committee continues to be concerned by the lack of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) medical school participation and collaboration with local VA hospitals in areas where HSI medical schools are located. The Committee urges the Secretary to develop a plan to expand local VA medical facilities’ participation with HSI medical schools.”

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

1. DOT work with HSIs, HBCUs, minority owned businesses
The Committee encourages the Department to partner with Hispanic serving institutions and historically black college and universities for research and information dissemination with regards to minority owned businesses.