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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

[Notice of Program Announcement No. ACYF/HS-2003-15]

### Fiscal Year 2003 Discretionary Announcement for Head Start Partnerships With Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Availability of Funds and Request for Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**ACTION:** Announcement of the availability of funds and request for applications for professional development and training grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in partnership with Head Start and Early Head Start programs to improve services to Head Start and Early Head Start children and families.

The Catalog of Domestic Assistance Number is 93.600.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) announces the availability of up to \$1,500,000 in funds for Head Start training grants in

partnerships with (HBCUs). The purpose is to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and delegate agencies by forming partnerships between the HBCUs and Head Start and Early Head Start to develop and implement academic and other training models in support of early literacy for Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

**CLOSING DATE:** The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) August 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mailed and hand-carried applications will be received at the following address: ACYF Operations Center, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036, Telephone: 1-800-351-2293, E-mail: [HSB@esilsg.org](mailto:HSB@esilsg.org).

All packages should be clearly labeled as follows: Application for Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Applicants will receive a confirmation postcard upon receipt of their application package.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Head Start Discretionary Grant Support Team (1-800-351-2293) is available to answer questions concerning application requirements and to refer you to the appropriate contact person in ACYF for programmatic questions. You may e-mail your questions to: [HSB@esilsg.org](mailto:HSB@esilsg.org). When contacting ACYF directly with programmatic questions send to William F. Wilson, Grants Officer, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447, (202) 205-8913, [wwilson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:wwilson@acf.hhs.gov).

In order to determine the number of expert reviewers that will be necessary, if you plan to submit an application, you are requested to send a post card or call with the following information: the name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the college/university at least four weeks prior to the submission deadline date to: ACYF Operations Center, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036, Telephone: 1-800-351-2293, E-mail: [HSB@esilsg.org](mailto:HSB@esilsg.org).

An application kit including copies of the program announcement, necessary application forms and appendices can be obtained by contacting the above address, and/or visiting the ACYF Web site at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/grant/fundingopportunities/fundopport.htm>.

### Fiscal Year 2002 Discretionary Announcement for Head Start Partnerships With Historically Black Colleges and Universities

#### A. Table of Contents

This program announcement is divided into five sections:

- Part I contains general information, the history and background for the Whitehouse Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), including the principles and program description that will guide the development, implementation, operation, and evaluation of the projects.
- Part II contains key program information including a description of competitive categories, description of eligible applicants, project periods, and applicable Head Start regulations.
- Part III contains the requirements for information that must be included in each application.
- Part IV presents the criteria upon which applications will be reviewed and evaluated.
- Part V contains a discussion of the application process.

#### Part I. Purpose and Background

##### A. Purpose

Through this announcement, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) is making available up to \$1,500,000 annually for each of five years to support Head Start-HBCU Partnerships, which will be awarded through a competitive process this year. These partnerships will be designed to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start grantees by developing academic and other training models in support of early literacy and forming partnerships between the HBCUs and Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and delegate agencies. The institutions of higher education that will be funded under this announcement, together with those HBCUs currently funded under this initiative, will form a consortium to share methods, approaches, experiences, and lessons learned.

##### B. Background

The overall goal of Head Start is to ensure that children of low-income families who are nearing the end of the preschool period and entering school are ready for school success. In order to accomplish this goal, Head Start provides comprehensive services to these children and their families. Head Start enhances children's physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development. It supports parents in