

**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**  
**HUDRD - HBCU Research Center of Excellence**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

## Eligibility Questions

- 1. What are the eligibility criteria for this grant opportunity? Are previous HBCU awardees eligible to apply?**

The following are eligible entities for this grant opportunity:

- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

**Applicant must be an HBCU** to be eligible. Current HBCU COE awardees are eligible to apply.

## Funding & Budget Questions

- 2. What is the minimum and maximum amount of funding that I can apply for? What happens if I ask for less than the minimum funding amount or more than the maximum funding amount?**

Applicants can apply for funds between \$1 and \$4 million. If an application asks for less than \$1 million, it is ineligible and cannot receive funding under this NOFO. If an application asks for more than \$4 million, it is ineligible and cannot receive funding under this NOFO.

- 3. What happens if I do not receive the amount of funding requested?**

To ensure fair distribution of funds and enable the purposes or requirements of a specific program to be met, HUD reserves the right to fund less than the amount requested in an application.

If this happens and an applicant is awarded less money than was requested, then the applicant will be asked to submit a revised work plan and budget reflecting the new awarded funding amount. This revision process will take place while negotiating the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement.

- 4. Will the funds be disbursed over the three-year performance period or in one lump sum?**

Funding is not awarded as a lump sum. Grantees will draw down funding over the course of the term of the grant in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of their award, which will be established upon selection for award.

## General NOFO Questions

- 5. How many research projects should be presented in the application?**

Although this NOFO does not stipulate a minimum or maximum number of research projects for eligibility, applicants are encouraged to propose multiple research projects.

- 6. Is there a minimum number of community partners required for this application?**

There is no minimum number of community partners required for this application. “Partnerships and Collaborations” is a subcomponent of Rating Factor 4 and can earn applicants up to 5 points. Applicants should review *Section V.A.* of the NOFO for information on how HUD will score all eligible proposals.

**7. Are the 3 required narrative appendices (i.e., The Advancing Racial Equity Narrative, The Experience Promoting Racial Equity Narrative, The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Narrative) counted as part of the Narrative Response to Rating Factors’ 25-page maximum?**

No, the 3 required narrative appendices (i.e., The Advancing Racial Equity Narrative, The Experience Promoting Racial Equity Narrative, The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Narrative) are **not** counted in the Narrative Response to Rating Factors’ 25-page maximum. These 3 narratives appendices should be included in the Additional Materials section of your application. The Additional Materials section has a 30-page maximum.

**8. Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?**

Please note POC information has changed. Please replace POC “Kinnard Wright” with: Questions may be referred to [HBCUResearchCenterofExcellenceFY24@hud.gov](mailto:HBCUResearchCenterofExcellenceFY24@hud.gov).

## Partnership Questions

**9. Can my institution work with other research institutions to create the COE?**

Applicants may partner with other organizations through a sub-recipient relationship. This means that funds will flow through the main applicant to the sub-recipient partner.

**10. What type of partnerships are reviewers looking for in applications?**

Partnerships can take many forms like academic consortia or collaborative research partnerships with non-profit or private research entities that are non-academic.

**11. Can we collaborate with a mix from industry/practice/academy?**

Yes, but the main applicant must be an HBCU and most of the efforts should be undertaken by the main applicant organization. Additional collaborators or partners should be sub-recipients.