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Howard University (No CFDA Number)

I. Legislation

Congress issued a charter for Howard University by an act of March 2, 1867, and provided for federal assistance in subsequent acts (codified, as amended, at 20 U.S.C. 121 to 130aa-5) (no expiration date).

II. Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1879	\$10,000	1970	\$59,964,000
1880	10,000	1975	81,700,000
1885	24,500	1980	121,893,000
1890	29,200	1981	133,983,000
1895	29,500	1982	145,200,000
1900	35,100	1983	145,200,000
1905	47,600	1984	156,200,000
1910	104,735	1985	158,230,000
1915	101,000	1986	157,168,000
1920	243,000	1987	170,230,000
1925	591,000	1988	172,203,000
1930	1,249,000	1989	178,973,000
1935	665,241	1990	182,446,000
1940	754,160	1991	195,213,000
1945	1,280,575	1992	212,360,000
1950	4,262,000	1993	194,005,000
1955	5,082,000	1994	192,686,000
1960	7,148,000	1995	204,663,000
1966	13,902,000	1996	182,348,000

III. Analysis of Program Performance

A. Goals and Objectives

The main goal is to improve the quality and financial strength of Howard University as a vehicle for providing postsecondary access and opportunity for African Americans. Funds are designed to help support Howard University's academic operations, endowment, research program, and the hospital.

B. Strategies to Achieve the Goals

Howard University, located in Washington, D.C., provides a major avenue of postsecondary access and opportunity for blacks and others from disadvantaged backgrounds. Chartered by Congress in 1867 to provide such opportunities, Howard University served about 11,200 students in school year 1996-97, of whom approximately 85 percent were black Americans. International students made up about 10 percent of Howard's enrollment.

Students at Howard University are enrolled in 16 undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools and colleges. The university offers master's degrees in 65 areas and doctoral degrees in 24 fields. The university provides library services, administrative support, and research opportunities in support of its students.

Federal funding supports the university's academic program, endowment, research, construction, and hospital. As shown in Table 1, the vast majority of federal funds (83 percent in FY 1996) are used for academic support. Support for the Howard University Hospital accounts for most of the remaining federal funds. Construction funds were provided in 1991, 1992, and 1993 for a variety of renovation and reconstruction projects.

	FY 1992	FY 1993	FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996
Academic	\$153,515,000	\$150,764,000	\$154,835,000	\$156,530,000	\$151,669,000
Endowment	2,928,000	3,351,000	3,441,000	3,530,000	--
Research	4,616,000	4,533,000	4,655,000	4,614,000	1,190,000
Hospital	28,301,000	28,973,000	29,755,000	29,489,000	29,489,000
Construction	23,000,000	6,384,000	--	--	--

Source: Program data (V.1).

The services provided in each of the categories listed in Table 1 can be described briefly as follows:

- **Academic Program:** Academic appropriations are used to support the general operation of the university, including student financial aid. In FY 1996 the federal appropriation represented 65 percent of Howard's academic and general expenditures (V.2). This is higher than the 58 percent figure for FY 1994 but slightly lower than that for FY 1992, when the federal appropriation represented 68 percent of Howard's academic and general expenditures.
- **Endowment Program:** The endowment grant program is designed to help the university meet its future needs and to reduce long-term federal funding requirements by stimulating private contributions. Since the inception of the endowment program in 1985, Howard's endowment has doubled and the university has matched almost \$25 million in endowment grant appropriations (V.1).
- **Research Program:** The research program is designed to improve Howard University's capacity to compete for and acquire research grants. The program funds postdoctoral fellowships, primarily in scientific disciplines; competitively reviewed pilot studies of interdisciplinary faculty teams; and the purchase of laboratory equipment.
- **Hospital Program:** Federal appropriations help support Howard University Hospital, a 515-bed in-patient facility serving as a major acute and ambulatory care center for the inner city of Washington, D.C. In FY 1996, federal appropriations represented 17.4 percent of the hospital's support (V.2). Federal support of Howard University Hospital has remained at about the same level since FY 1992.
- **Construction:** Capital construction and renovation of university buildings is an allowable activity under the university's authorization. Howard has identified five projects to be initiated in FY 1997--a Health Sciences Library, a Law School Library, a Student Residential Network, a Faculty Network, and a Howard University Television Network--and plans to use \$10 million to begin construction on the two libraries and \$3.65 million for the network projects.

C. Program Performance—Indicators of Impact and Effectiveness

Program performance indicators are currently under development. See also Office-Wide Performance Indicators for the Office of Postsecondary Education displayed in the Overview (OPS) to the postsecondary education programs.

IV. Planned Studies

None.

V. Sources Of Information

1. Program files.
2. Howard University.

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