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To authorize appropriations for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically black colleges and universities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Historically Black Col-
5 leges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and
6 Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Nation’s historically black colleges and
4 universities have contributed significantly to the ef-
5 fort to attain equal opportunity through postsecond-
6 ary education for African-American, low-income, and
7 educationally disadvantaged Americans;

8 (2) over our Nation’s history, States and the
9 Federal Government have discriminated in the allo-
10 cation of land and financial resources to support
11 these institutions, thus forcing them to rely on the
12 generous support of private individuals and other
13 charitable organizations;

14 (3) the development of this source of private
15 and charitable financial support for historically black
16 colleges and universities has resulted in structures
17 and buildings of historic importance and
18 architecturally unique design on the campuses of
19 these institutions; and

20 (4) many of these structures and buildings are
21 national treasures worthy of preservation and res-
22 toration for future generations of all Americans as
23 well as for the students and faculty of these institu-
24 tions.

1 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS FOR**
2 **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT HISTORICALLY**
3 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

4 ~~(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—From the~~
5 ~~amounts made available to carry out the National Historic~~
6 ~~Preservation Act for the fiscal years 1995 through 1998,~~
7 ~~the Secretary of the Interior shall make grants in accord-~~
8 ~~ance with this section to eligible historically black colleges~~
9 ~~and universities for the preservation and restoration of~~
10 ~~historic buildings and structures on the campus of these~~
11 ~~institutions.~~

12 *(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—The Secretary of*
13 *the Interior shall administer a program of grants-in-aid*
14 *in accordance with this section to eligible historically black*
15 *colleges and universities for the preservation and restora-*
16 *tion of historic buildings and structures on the campuses*
17 *of these institutions. Such grants shall be made, subject to*
18 *the availability of appropriations therefore, from the*
19 *amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Na-*
20 *tional Historic Preservation Act for the fiscal years 1995*
21 *through 1998.*

22 **(b) GRANT CONDITIONS.—Grants made under sub-**
23 **section (a) shall be subject to the condition that the**
24 **grantee covenants, for the period of time specified by the**
25 **Secretary, that—**

1 (1) no alteration will be made in the property
2 with respect to which the grant is made without the
3 concurrence of the Secretary; and

4 (2) reasonable public access to the property
5 with respect to which the grant is made will be per-
6 mitted by the grantee for interpretive and edu-
7 cational purposes.

8 (c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND
9 STRUCTURES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF
10 HISTORIC PLACES.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph
11 (2), the Secretary may obligate funds made available
12 under this section for a grant with respect to a building
13 or structure listed on the National Register of Historic
14 Places only if the grantee agrees to match, from funds
15 derived from non-Federal sources, the amount of the grant
16 with an amount that is equal or greater than the grant.

17 (2) The Secretary may waive paragraph (1) with re-
18 spect to a grant if the Secretary determines from cir-
19 cumstances that an extreme emergency exists or that such
20 a waiver is in the public interest to assure the preservation
21 of historically significant resources.

22 (d) FUNDING PROVISIONS.—(1) Not more than
23 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and not more than
24 \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, and
25 1998 may be made available under this section.

1 (2) Of the amounts made available under this section
2 for fiscal year 1995, \$5,000,000 shall be available only
3 for grants under subsection (a) to Fisk University.

4 (3) Of the amounts made available under this section
5 for fiscal year 1995, \$10,000,000 shall be available only
6 for grants under subsection (a) to those historically black
7 colleges and universities identified for inclusion in the De-
8 partment of the Interior Historically Black College and
9 University Historic Preservation Initiative.

10 (4) *If less than \$20 million is made available in fiscal*
11 *year 1995 for the purpose of paragraph (1), such amount*
12 *shall be allocated as follows:*

13 (A) *25 percent of such amount shall be made*
14 *available for grants to Fisk University as provided in*
15 *paragraph (2).*

16 (B) *50 percent of such amount shall be made*
17 *available as provided in paragraphs (3).*

18 (C) *25 percent of such amount shall be made*
19 *available for grants under subsection (a) to other eli-*
20 *gible historically black colleges and universities.*

21 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate
22 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
23 Act.

24 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

25 For the purposes of this Act:

1 (1) The term “historically black colleges and
2 universities” has the same meaning given the term
3 “part B institution” by section 322 of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

5 (2) The term “historic building and structures”
6 means a building or structure listed on the National
7 Register of Historic Places or designated a National
8 Historic Landmark.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 23,
(legislative day, November 22), 1993.

Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSON,
Clerk.