

**December 23, 2019**



## **FY 2020 Federal Budget**

Last week, Congress worked diligently to finalize negotiations and pass legislation to fund the federal government for fiscal year (FY) 2020. On December 20, 2019 with an hour and a half to spare, President Trump signed two omnibus packages totaling \$1.4 trillion, preventing another year-end government shutdown. Below are the funding levels for the relevant HSI programs at federal agencies.

- **Dept. of Education - Title V, Part A (DHSI Program - Undergraduate) = \$143.08 million** (FY 2019 funding was \$124.4M). This is an increase of \$18.67 million.
- **Dept. of Education - Title V, Part B (PPOHA Program - Graduate) = \$12.84 million** (FY 2019 funding was \$11.2M). This is an increase of \$1.68 million
- **USDA-NIFA (HSI Education Grants) = \$11.2 million** (FY 2019 funding was \$9.2M). This is an increase of \$2 million.

- **NSF HSI Program = \$45 million** (FY 2019 funding was \$40M). This is an increase of \$5 million.
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### **FUTURE Act Enacted into Law**

The FUTURE Act was passed by Congress on December 10, 2019 and enacted into law on December 19, 2019. The FUTURE Act permanently extends Title III, Part F of the Higher Education Act - which represents \$100 million of annual mandatory funding for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). This is a historic win for HSIs and the 4.6 million students they serve.

This funding will help community colleges and universities to increase the rate of Hispanic representation as engineers, scientist, health professionals, and technicians across the Nation.

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### **HSI Eligibility Application**

The Department of Education announced the process for designation of eligible institutions and invites applications for waivers of eligibility requirements for fiscal year (FY) 2020, for the Title V and Title III, Part F programs. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications is January 15, 2020.

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### **Save the Date: HACU's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Capitol Forum**

Join us on April 21-22, 2020 in Washington, D.C. to learn about the latest developments in federal higher education policy impacting HSIs, advocate for the continued success of Hispanics in higher education, and to shape and promote an agenda for Congress. For more information and to register: [click here](#).

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### **End of the Year Greetings**

At this time of year, when we tend to reflect on the last twelve months and look ahead with renewed optimism, HACU's Government Relations team wishes to thank all of our partners, supporters and collaborators for working with us in 2019 to champion Hispanic success in higher education. Our best wishes to all of you for a safe, healthy and prosperous holiday season. We look forward to our continued engagement in 2020.

*Forward this Washington Update to a colleague or friend. Encourage them to [sign-up](#) and join the [Advocacy Center](#) to lend their voice of support for HSIs and Latino students.*