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Reference: Proviso 33.30 of the FY 22-23 Appropriations Act

Dear Ms. Stirling,

Attached you will find the following information pursuant to Proviso 33.30. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

- How the expenditures will provide a public benefit
- How the state funds will be spent
- W9 Form

Sincerely,

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HBCU Health Behavior Assessment Project

Nurturing The Tree of Life: Advancing Health Outcomes Among Students Attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities in South Carolina program budget that outlines how the funds are to be used. Our initiative includes a focus not merely on HBCU's but as you can see, we propose working with the Midlands Coalition of Churches and other faith organizations (i.e., rural and urban), located in South Carolina to expand the number of faith communities that are educated about health disparities, including HIV and COVID. Moreover, we are still struggling with HIV stigma that impacts South Carolinians fear of getting HIV tested, fear of seeking and adhering to treatment, and staying in care after diagnosis. Due to the intersectionality with COVID, we are also seeking opportunities to encourage black youth 18-29 to consider the 1st and 2nd COVID vaccines and/or boosters.

This initiative is vital for South Carolina as a state because many in-state students and certainly students that arrive at the doors of colleges from other states portend a financial liability to institutions and the state when they arrive uninsured and/or underinsured. Many do not have a primary care provider and will continue for many reasons (e.g., lack of finances, lack of parental insurance coverage, etc.) to utilize local emergency rooms to manage their health care. Local South Carolina Departments of Health may or may not exist depending on where the school is located and thus may not be an option to access health care or treatment. Finally, based on the HBCU healthcare assessment completed during FY 2020 (prior to COVID), we confirmed that many local doctors are overwhelmed and are NOT receptive to treating uninsured/under-insured students. This reality again affects our state because students delay on-set into prevention and medical care and do not show up until they are severely ill.

Variables for evaluation of outcomes:

- 1) Number of South Carolina HBCU students that complete the health behavior assessment (Target 1,500-2,000)
- 2) Number of HBCU's that participate in the seven-site student health behavior assessment initiative.
- 3) Provision of outcomes revealed in the seven-site HBCU student health behavior assessment.
- 4) Individual and cumulative report of outcomes for HBCU leadership (Presidents, VP of Academic Affairs, Freshman Orientations, Student Health Services) for program planning and development of stronger student healthcare services on individual campuses throughout South Carolina.
- 5) Number of educational activities (face-to-face and virtual) focusing on elimination of health disparities, including HIV and COVID conducted throughout the Midlands and state during FY 2022-2023.
- 6) Number of faith-based institutions participating in educational activities focusing on elimination of health disparities, including HIV and COVID.
- 7) Number of counties participating in faith-based educational activities focusing on elimination of health disparities, including HIV and COVID.

Voorhees University

SCDHHS PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-2023

HBCU Student Health Behavior Assessment Initiative

Category and Line Item

CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

	Hours	Hourly Rate	Annual Cost
Principal Investigator, Bambi Gaddist, DrPH	680	\$100	\$68,000
Co-Principal Investigator, Sabine Eustache, DrPH, MBA	520	\$110	\$57,200
HBCU Health Assessment Liaison, Vivian Armstead	800	\$40	\$32,000
Data Manager & Research Analyst, Jamie Troutman, PhD	200	\$80	\$16,000
TOTAL PERSONNEL			\$173,200
TRAVEL			
	Mileage	Rate	Annual Cost
Travel to (7) HBCU's sites	3,000	\$0.585	\$1,755
TOTAL TRAVEL			\$1,755
SUPPLIES			
Fee			\$500
ACHA per participant survey fee (\$1.25 x 1500 students)			\$1,875
ACHA Data Package			\$2,700
Office Supplies @ \$150/month			\$1,800
Student Incentives @ \$20/student x 1500 surveys			\$30,000
HBCU Student Monitors (77 Monitors @\$200/contract)			\$15,400
Laptop			\$1,997
Printing			\$3,500
TOTAL SUPPLIES			\$57,772
CONTRACTUAL			
HIV/COVID-19 Faith Liasion, Midlands Coalition of Churches			\$36,000
TOTAL SUPPLIES			\$36,000
OTHER			
Social Marketing - HBCU HEALTH MATTERS			\$4,000
TOTAL OTHER			\$4,000

TOTAL DIRECT COST		\$272,727
INDIRECT COST	10%	\$27,273
TOTAL COST		\$300,000