



DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Sponsored Programs

Title: Historically Black Colleges and Universities 'Recovery Act' Preservation Grants

Background: The grant opportunity is specific to historic buildings located on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The historic building being addressed, Loockerman Hall on the Delaware State University (DSU) campus, was built around 1720. The almost three-century-old Loockerman Hall – which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places – is the sole remaining building that still exists on campus from the institution's 1891 origin. The building was the center of campus activities during the institution's first 35 years of existence, as it housed classrooms, administrative offices, dormitory rooms, and dining facilities. Loockerman Hall is one of the top 3 (of 11) listed as a historic buildings on campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Goal: The goal of the grant program is to make historic properties on the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities safe and useable. Eligible activities include structural stabilization; masonry work; abating environmental hazards; installing or replacing heating, ventilating, and cooling systems; replacing damaged electrical and plumbing systems; repairing leaky roofs; treating termite damage; and providing handicapped accessibility. All work must be performed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

DSU is currently working with the Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs; and will be consulting with an architect. Goals of the Project include work on: the building foundation; roof; brick work; electric; plumbing & bathrooms. The proposed use of the building will be either a Visitors' Center or an Alumni Building.

All grants are also encouraged to go green with any architecture performed; and any work will be ADA Compliant.

Funding Request: DSU will be requesting 2.5 – 3 million dollars. There is no state match required. The grant is through the National Park Service. The submission date is April 10th.

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