



**To:** New Jersey Institutions of Higher Education  
**From:** The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education  
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**Subject:** Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Grant Application Period Opens

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The U.S. Department of Education has opened its grant application period for new awards for the Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program.

With total funding of nearly \$7.5 million, the program provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) for programs that address the basic needs of students and report on practices that improve the outcomes of students. The program was implemented in response to growing evidence that food and housing insecurities compromise the well-being of millions of students across the country and may reduce the likelihood of timely degree or certificate completion.

The grant amounts range from \$750,000-\$900,000 and are available to community colleges, 2- and 4-year public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), and Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCUs).

Applications are due by October 2, 2022.

More information and instructions on how to apply can be found in the [Federal Register notice](#) and on [Grants.gov](#).