**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Which HBCUs currently have smoke- or tobacco-free policies?**

As of July 1, 2015 of the 105 federally recognized and operational HBCUs, 36 have comprehensive tobacco free campus policies.

**When will Legacy’s grant opportunity be announced? What is the application deadline?**

The grant opportunity will be released on Wednesday, April 1. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 22 at 6:00 pm EDT.

**Why target HBCUs?**

HBCUs prepare students to be leaders of their communities. Social and economic justice principles are core values. Tobacco is a social justice issue that directly impacts the health of African Americans. Young African Americans have a greater risk of developing long-term consequences from smoking than other ethnic groups and are in danger of experiencing the negative side effects of tobacco earlier in their lifetimes. There are 105 federally recognized HBCUs. A majority of HBCUs do not currently have comprehensive tobacco-free policies in place to protect their students, their employees and faculty from the dangers of tobacco smoke.

**Why should my campus go smoke-free or tobacco-free?**

By adopting a smoke-free or tobacco-free policy, your campus can make an enormous impact on the health of the students, faculty, and staff that live, learn and work at your institution. Research shows that 100% smoke-free policies effectively reduce tobacco use by preventing initiation. Furthermore, tobacco-free college campus policies decrease positive attitudes toward tobacco use.

**Who can apply?**

This is a non-competitive grant, for eligible institutions. To be eligible, institutions must be one of the 105 federally recognized historically black colleges and universities in the United States that does not currently have a comprehensive [100% smoke-free or tobacco-free policy](http://www.legacyforhealth.org/100-smoke-free-or-tobacco-free-policy-definition).

[The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, which defines HBCUs as: “…any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary [of Education] to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation.”]

**How can I get more information?**

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