During the Synergy Session on HSI Strategies and Challenges participants shared what their institutions are doing to support students’ success in STEM programs. Some colleges help students with food, housing advice, and public transportation passes. MDRC researchers have found that when community college students’ basic needs are addressed semester-to-semester persistence and degree completion rates increase.

The following list of federal funding sources for HSIs, while not comprehensive, responds to synergy session participants’ request for additional information:

The White House outlines opportunities for Hispanic-Serving Institutions at https://sites.ed.gov/hispanic-initiative/hispanic-serving-institutions-hs/s/

NSF’s Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program) is currently seeking proposals due March 6, 2019 and September 18, 2019. https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505512

NSF’s Advanced Technological Education Program encourages faculty at HSIs and other minority-serving institutions to apply. Proposals are due October 3, 2019.


Also Title V and Title III Part F, Federal Student Aid Grants including Pell, and Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offered Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program (HSI) Program to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to carry out higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. https://nifa.usda.gov/program/hispanic-serving-institutions-education-grants-program

“Hispanic-Serving Institutions” is one of the filtering options in USDA’s database of funding opportunities. https://nifa.usda.gov/grant-search/field_who_is_eligible_to_apply/hispanic-serving-institutions-7?keywords=college&fo=&cfda=&program=&status=All

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) lists funding opportunities at https://grants.nih.gov/funding/index.htm