

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2457

To establish a National Science Foundation grant program to provide opportunities for and strengthen research capacity at institutions of higher education to stimulate sustainable improvement in existing research and development at such institutions, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM TO STIMULATE SUSTAINABLE IM-**  
3 **PROVEMENT IN EXISTING RESEARCH AND**  
4 **DEVELOPMENT AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS**  
5 **OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National  
7 Science Foundation shall establish a grant program to  
8 provide financial assistance to institutions of higher edu-  
9 cation specified in subsection (c) to aid such institutions  
10 in the development and enhancement of research facilities  
11 in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medical  
12 matters, and other research and development matters.

13 (b) USES.—Institutions of higher education specified  
14 in subsection (c) that receive grants from the National  
15 Science Foundation may use such grants for the following  
16 in furtherance of the purpose described in subsection (a):

17 (1) Existing building infrastructure improve-  
18 ments or enhancements.

19 (2) Materials and equipment needed to conduct  
20 or produce research.

21 (3) Infrastructure needs to maintain building  
22 infrastructure.

23 (c) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPECI-  
24 FIED.—The institutions of higher education specified in  
25 this subsection are the following:

26 (1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

1           (2) Hispanic-serving institutions.

2           (3) Tribal colleges.

3           (4) Native Hawaiian-serving institutions.

4           (5) Predominantly Black institutions.

5           (6) Native American-serving, nontribal institu-  
6           tions.

7           (7) Asian-American and Native American Pa-  
8           cific Islander-serving institutions.

9           (8) Minority serving institutions.

10          (9) Public and private institutions with endow-  
11          ments of less than \$900,000,000 in 2023 constant  
12          dollars.

13          (10) Two-year colleges.

14          (11) Community colleges.

15          (12) Vocational-technical colleges.

16          (13) Career colleges.

17          (14) Four-year colleges with endowments of less  
18          than \$900,000,000 in 2023 constant dollars.

19          (15) Liberal arts colleges with endowments of  
20          less than \$900,000,000 in 2023 constant dollars.

21          (16) Single-sex colleges.

22          (17) Religiously affiliated colleges with endow-  
23          ments of less than \$900,000,000 in 2023 constant  
24          dollars.

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