

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Grant Competition FY 2015

Grantee:	Tennessee State University 3500 John A. Merritt Boulevard Nashville, TN 37209-1561
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Congressional District:	TN-05
Performance Measures:	Capacity Building, Disaster Services
Service Area:	AL, AK, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, and VA,
CNCS Award Amount:	\$83,118
Match Amount:	\$364,271

Project Description:

The project will unite ten HBCUs in the southeast region through community service and capacity building initiatives that strategically address four of the CNCS Focus Areas which include: (1) Disaster Services, (2) Economic Opportunity, (3) Education, and (4) Capacity Building. The states targeted are: Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, & Texas. Newly established collaborations will engage more than 50,000 student volunteers and school stakeholders, and 17,000 community members and volunteers in service activities during the observation of MLK holiday and the months to follow. By (1) providing disaster preparedness assistance, (2) carrying out 200 home repairs and providing access to housing (3) implementing service learning and civic engagement opportunities, a collaborative network whose mission is to evoke a lifelong commitment to service will be established. The project influences changes in behavior and attitude related to disaster preparedness, access to housing, lifelong community service and will contribute to an increase in the implementation of successful volunteer practices.