Advancing Equity for HSIs under the Justice 40 Initiative

#### What is Justice 40?

President Biden made a historic commitment that 40% of Federal Government's investments benefit and flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

#### Types of investments within Justice 40 Initiative

Climate change

Clean energy and energy efficiency

Clean transportation

Clean water

Affordable housing

Workforce development

Reduction of legacy population

#### **How is Justice 40 Initiative Implemented?**

- The Biden Administration is transforming hundreds of federal programs to ensure that disadvantaged communities receive the benefits of new and existing Federal investments in these categories.
- Through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and the American Rescue Plan (ARP), federal agencies are making historic levels of investment to advance environmental justice.
- 15 U.S. Agencies have released their covered programs, including:



## **Justice 40: Sample Amounts**



\$204 Billionin BIL authorizations39 programs | 5 Modes



\$1 Billion
Climate-smart
commodities pilot
projects



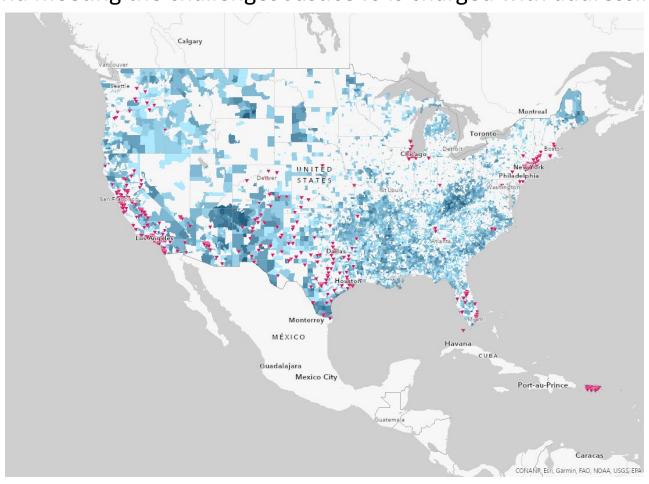
**\$789 Million**Affordable housing



**\$9.6 Billion**Upgrades to water infrastructure

# Why are HSIs important?

HSIs are key to bringing about equity in underserved communities and meeting the challenges Justice 40 is charged with addressing.



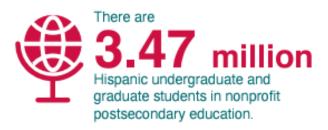
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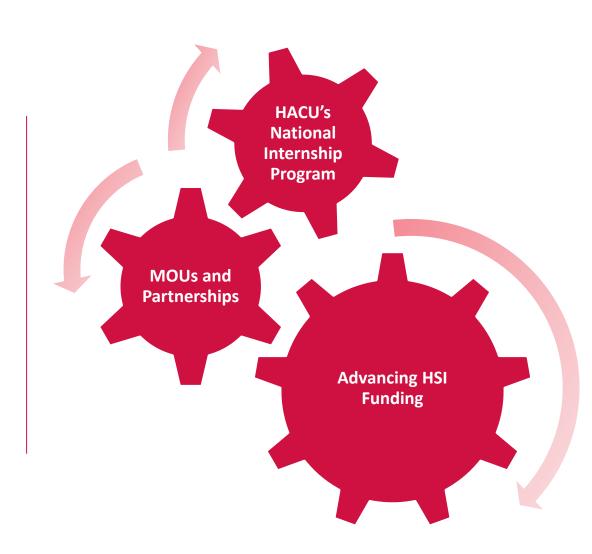




# 7 of the top 10 colleges & universities

ranked by the Social Mobility Index (SMI) in 2022 were HSIs. The SMI measures the extent to which an academic institution educates economically disadvantaged students.

### **HACU's role**



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