



Pennsylvania received over \$1.3 billion for 265 colleges and universities including \$287 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in Pennsylvania have received over \$1.3 billion in American Rescue Plan funds – one of the largest one-time infusions of funding ever provided to the state’s colleges and universities. These funds were provided through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) over the past year.

The American Rescue Plan requires half of these funds to be used to provide direct financial relief to students; the Department of Education expects far more will ultimately be used for that purpose. In addition to \$1.3 billion provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Pennsylvania to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are already having a significant impact on institutions and students:

- A [recent survey of college presidents by the American Council on Education](#) found HEERF enabled:
 - **93% of colleges to provide direct financial support** to students at risk of dropping out
 - **81% of colleges to keep student net prices similar to pre-pandemic levels**
 - **70% of colleges to continue to employ faculty, staff, and other employees** otherwise at risk of unemployment
 - **63% of colleges to keep students and faculty safe** by purchasing COVID-19 tests, health screenings, and health care
- Thousands of colleges and universities all across the country are **using HEERF to keep students enrolled and on track to graduate, as well as make college more affordable,** by providing emergency grants, discharging outstanding student debt or unpaid balances, and eliminating transcript withholding practices.

As part of a state-by-state breakdown of funding, the Administration reported that these American Rescue Plan funds included significant investments in key institutions in Pennsylvania, including:

- **Approximately \$287 million for community colleges**
- **Over \$25 million for 2 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)**
- **Over \$149 million for 6 Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)** – which includes Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Predominantly Black Institutions, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, and Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions.

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Community colleges in Pennsylvania receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Community College of Philadelphia: \$57,879,827
- Harrisburg Area Community College: \$37,904,866
- Community College of Allegheny County: \$32,773,199
- Northampton County Area Community College: \$22,546,003
- Delaware County Community College: \$22,333,541

HBCUs in Pennsylvania receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Lincoln University: \$18,531,228
- Cheyney University of Pennsylvania: \$6,928,018

MSIs in Pennsylvania receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Community College of Philadelphia: \$57,879,827
- University of Pittsburgh: \$54,913,386
- Lehigh Carbon Community College: \$14,699,133
- Reading Area Community College: \$12,698,043
- Eastern University: \$6,407,572

Examples of other colleges and universities in Pennsylvania receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Pennsylvania State University (The): \$150,013,876
- Temple University: \$78,228,712
- University of Pittsburgh: \$54,913,386
- West Chester University of Pennsylvania: \$32,801,507
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania: \$28,131,363



APPENDIX

ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District

Pennsylvania Total: \$1,351,240,381

- PA, District 01: \$20,100,926
- PA, District 02: \$87,734,656
- PA, District 03: \$175,221,995
- PA, District 04: \$38,616,972
- PA, District 05: \$86,749,049
- PA, District 06: \$75,195,222
- PA, District 07: \$89,421,486
- PA, District 08: \$56,364,431
- PA, District 09: \$47,972,105
- PA, District 10: \$62,666,766
- PA, District 11: \$38,068,106
- PA, District 12: \$200,663,495
- PA, District 13: \$27,529,356
- PA, District 14: \$40,623,152
- PA, District 15: \$52,981,457
- PA, District 16: \$69,521,635
- PA, District 17: \$33,087,445
- PA, District 18: \$139,853,930