



## **Hawaii received nearly \$141 million for 20 colleges and universities including \$42 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan**

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in **Hawaii have received nearly \$141 million 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 \$154 million provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Hawaii 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 Hawaii, including:

- **Approximately \$42 million for community colleges**
- **Over \$133 million for 12 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 Hawaii** receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Leeward Community College: \$12,198,972
- Kapiolani Community College: \$11,463,697
- Honolulu Community College: \$6,706,809
- Hawaii Community College: \$4,575,977
- Windward Community College: \$3,797,916

**MSIs in Hawaii** receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- University of Hawaii at Manoa: \$46,943,271
- University of Hawaii at Hilo: \$13,491,319
- Leeward Community College: \$12,198,972
- Kapiolani Community College: \$11,463,697
- Hawaii Pacific University: \$9,152,600

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

- University of Hawaii - West Oahu: \$7,768,185
- University of Hawaii Maui College: \$7,115,410
- Honolulu Community College: \$6,706,809



## APPENDIX

### **ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District**

**Hawaii Total: \$140,871,552**

- HI, District 01: \$102,032,493
- HI, District 02: \$38,839,059