

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## **Massachusetts received over \$841 million for 137 colleges and universities including \$206 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan**

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in Massachusetts have received over \$841 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 \$787 million provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts, including:

- **Approximately \$206 million for community colleges**
- **Over \$183 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 Massachusetts** receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Bunker Hill Community College: \$33,261,971
- Quinsigamond Community College: \$19,158,835
- Bristol Community College: \$18,261,417
- Springfield Technical Community College: \$14,955,757
- Massasoit Community College: \$13,985,707

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

- University of Massachusetts - Boston: \$37,024,223
- Bunker Hill Community College: \$33,261,971
- University of Massachusetts - Lowell: \$27,654,208
- Springfield Technical Community College: \$14,955,757
- Holyoke Community College: \$13,980,786

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

- University of Massachusetts - Amherst: \$50,196,510
- Boston University: \$41,878,778
- Northeastern University: \$34,135,498
- Bridgewater State University: \$26,294,319
- Salem State University: \$19,805,336



## APPENDIX

### ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District

#### **Massachusetts Total: \$841,406,152**

- MA, District 01: \$94,103,057
- MA, District 02: \$128,918,428
- MA, District 03: \$64,388,126
- MA, District 04: \$71,414,235
- MA, District 05: \$75,264,171
- MA, District 06: \$66,276,265
- MA, District 07: \$205,165,912
- MA, District 08: \$107,350,201
- MA, District 09: \$28,525,757