



Oklahoma received over \$455 million for 90 colleges and universities including \$153 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in **Oklahoma** **have received over \$455 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 \$458 million provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma, including:

- **Approximately \$153 million for community colleges**
- **Over \$23 million for 1 Historically Black College or University (HBCU)**
- **Nearly \$4 million for 1 Tribally Controlled College or University (TCCU)**
- **Over \$109 million for 18 Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)** – which includes Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Predominantly Black Institutions, Alaska Native and

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Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, and Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions.

Community colleges in Oklahoma receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Tulsa Community College: \$33,662,561
- Oklahoma City Community College: \$22,878,699
- Rose State College: \$12,555,188
- Northern Oklahoma College: \$8,494,851
- Connors State College: \$6,796,017

HBCUs in Oklahoma receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Langston University: \$23,093,393

TCCUs in Oklahoma receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- College of the Muscogee Nation: \$3,991,829

MSIs in Oklahoma receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Northeastern State University: \$19,348,915
- East Central University: \$9,450,704
- Rogers State University: \$9,403,408
- Northern Oklahoma College: \$8,494,851
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University: \$7,558,428

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

- University of Oklahoma: \$49,592,175
- Oklahoma State University: \$48,285,108
- University of Central Oklahoma: \$35,408,556



APPENDIX

ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District

Oklahoma Total: \$455,392,144

- OK, District 01: \$62,261,575
- OK, District 02: \$84,599,469
- OK, District 03: \$111,414,019
- OK, District 04: \$96,193,993
- OK, District 05: \$100,923,088