

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## **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