

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## Tennessee received over \$819 million for 129 colleges and universities including \$243 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in **Tennessee have received over \$819 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 \$750 million provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Tennessee 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 Tennessee, including:

- **Approximately \$243 million for community colleges**
- **Over \$133 million for 6 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)**
- **Nearly \$36 million for 2 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 Tennessee** receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Southwest Tennessee Community College: \$29,025,332
- Chattanooga State Community College: \$20,665,839
- Pellissippi State Community College: \$20,100,646
- Nashville State Community College: \$19,078,020
- Volunteer State Community College: \$17,832,353

**HBCUs in Tennessee** receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Tennessee State University: \$58,594,818
- Lane College: \$15,156,158
- LeMoyne - Owen College: \$10,280,982
- Fisk University: \$7,506,145
- American Baptist College: \$5,682,740
- Meharry Medical College: \$36,461,963

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

- Southwest Tennessee Community College: \$29,025,332
- Southern Adventist University: \$6,770,024

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

- Middle Tennessee State University: \$53,292,844
- University of Tennessee: \$51,955,217
- University of Memphis (The): \$49,883,960
- Austin Peay State University: \$33,454,275



## APPENDIX

### ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District

**Tennessee Total: \$819,672,857**

- TN, District 01: \$79,238,286
- TN, District 02: \$97,897,982
- TN, District 03: \$82,154,245
- TN, District 04: \$94,330,805
- TN, District 05: \$174,491,892
- TN, District 06: \$54,327,508
- TN, District 07: \$56,599,206
- TN, District 08: \$70,799,616
- TN, District 09: \$109,833,317