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Virginia received over \$948 million for 120 colleges and universities including \$297 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in Virginia have received over \$948 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 \$897 million provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Virginia 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 Virginia, including:

- Approximately \$297 million for community colleges
- Over \$141 million for 5 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Over \$83 million for 1 Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) – 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 Virginia receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Northern Virginia Community College: \$83,561,195
- Tidewater Community College: \$48,108,665
- J Sargeant Reynolds Community College: \$17,153,920
- Thomas Nelson Community College: \$15,845,977
- John Tyler Community College: \$15,033,203

HBCUs in Virginia receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Norfolk State University: \$52,248,428
- Virginia State University: \$39,482,142
- Hampton University: \$31,205,244
- Virginia Union University: \$11,866,504
- Virginia University of Lynchburg: \$6,322,150

MSIs in Virginia receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Northern Virginia Community College: \$83,561,195

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

- Liberty University: \$65,968,765
- George Mason University: \$64,020,261
- Virginia Commonwealth University: \$57,078,300
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University: \$49,692,797
- Old Dominion University: \$48,294,073



APPENDIX

ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District

Virginia Total: \$948,164,035

- VA, District 01: \$15,367,613
- VA, District 02: \$30,406,031
- VA, District 03: \$208,647,538
- VA, District 04: \$133,207,401
- VA, District 05: \$69,856,436
- VA, District 06: \$162,368,339
- VA, District 07: \$29,751,244
- VA, District 08: \$6,378,868
- VA, District 09: \$127,724,484
- VA, District 10: \$14,872,967
- VA, District 11: \$149,583,114