
CARES Act Fact Sheet

CARES Act Funding Distribution

Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) Fund

- \$12,557,255,000 for direct grants to institutions of higher education
 - \$6,278,627,500 Emergency Aid Grants to Students
 - \$6,278,627,500 institutional share
 - Funds allocated to institutions based on formula weighted at .75 per Pell Grant FTE and .25 per non-Pell FTE
- \$1,046,438,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)
 - Funding is in addition to their primary funding allocated through the formula grant
- \$348,813,000 for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

Funding for HBCUs and MSIs Breakdown by Program:

- \$148,591,000 for Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)
- \$50,469,000 for Strengthening American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- \$25,239,000 Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHs)
- \$18,182,000 for Strengthening Predominantly Black institutions (PBIs)
- \$6,123,000 for Strengthening Native American-Serving, Nontribal Institutions (NASNTIs)
- \$6,123,000 for Strengthening Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)
- \$447,466,000 for Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- \$197,123,000 for Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) program

Higher Education Provisions:

Campus-Based Waivers

- Waives the institutional matching requirement for the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and Federal Work Study (FWS) programs
- Excludes private for-profit organizations from this waiver
- Allows unexpended FWS funds to be transferred and used as FSEOG funds

Use of Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants for Emergency Aid

- Allows institutions to award additional supplemental education opportunity grant (SEOG) funds to students impacted by COVID-19
- Institutions may award grants up to the maximum Pell Grant award and amount of need calculation requirements are waived

Federal Work Study

- Allows institutions to issue work-study payments to student who are unable to work due to work-place closures

Subsidized Loan Usage Limits, Satisfactory Academic Progress, & Lifetime Pell Eligibility

- Subsidized usage limits apply (SULA), satisfactory academic progress (SAP), and lifetime Pell eligibility calculations will not count terms impacted by COVID-19 for students

Return to Title IV (R2T4)

- Waiving the Return of Title IV (R2T4) funds requirement for institutions and students as it relates to students who dropped out of school as a result of COVID-19

Foreign Institutions

- Allows foreign institutions who participate in Title IV programs to continue their education via distance education

Educational Waivers

- Allowing the Secretary of Education to waive many federal requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the Higher Education Act

HBCU Capital Financing

- Loan payments are deferred for institutions
- The secretary of education will make principal and interest payments during the deferment period
- Institutions will pay back payments made by the Department of Education during the deferment once the loan is closed

Relief for Federal Student Loan Borrowers

- Federal Direct Loan payments, interest accrual, and collections are suspended for six months (through September 30, 2020)