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Alabama received nearly \$800 million for 70 colleges and universities including \$301 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in Alabama have received nearly \$800 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 \$737 million provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Alabama 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 Alabama, including:

- Approximately \$301 million for community colleges
- Over \$334 million for 13 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Over \$34 million for 4 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 Alabama receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Bishop State Community College: \$34,271,512
- Lawson State Community College: \$34,045,562
- Shelton State Community College: \$29,004,331
- H. Councill Trenholm State Community College: \$21,002,921
- Gadsden State Community College: \$18,767,865

HBCUs in Alabama receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Alabama A&M University: \$60,120,210
- Alabama State University: \$42,725,038
- Bishop State Community College: \$34,271,512
- Lawson State Community College: \$34,045,562
- Tuskegee University: \$30,961,457
- Shelton State Community College: \$29,004,331
- H. Councill Trenholm State Community College: \$21,002,921
- Gadsden State Community College: \$18,767,865
- Miles College: \$18,102,234
- Talladega College: \$14,112,105
- J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College: \$11,584,720
- Oakwood University: \$10,806,960
- Stillman College: \$9,171,243

MSIs in Alabama receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Auburn University Montgomery: \$15,781,694
- University of West Alabama: \$6,804,076
- Chattahoochee Valley Community College: \$6,000,926
- George Corley Wallace State Community College - Sel: \$5,472,099

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

- University of Alabama: \$54,903,000
- Auburn University: \$40,998,202
- University of Alabama at Birmingham: \$37,329,104



APPENDIX

ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District

Alabama Total: \$799,912,648

- AL, District 01: \$94,176,129
- AL, District 02: \$83,406,403
- AL, District 03: \$127,002,455
- AL, District 04: \$56,789,132
- AL, District 05: \$144,694,522
- AL, District 06: \$29,866,444
- AL, District 07: \$263,977,563