



## **Montana received over \$121 million for 27 colleges and universities including \$31 million for community colleges due to the American Rescue Plan**

Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in **Montana have received over \$121 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 \$112 million provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in Montana 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 Montana, including:

- **Approximately \$31 million for community colleges**
- **Over \$34 million for 7 Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)**
- **Over \$3 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 Montana** receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Great Falls College Montana State University: \$2,846,452
- Helena College University of Montana: \$2,576,380
- Miles Community College: \$891,625
- Dawson Community College: \$641,317

**TCCUs in Montana** receiving American Rescue Plan funds include:

- Salish Kootenai College: \$8,932,836
- Little Big Horn College: \$5,266,825
- Blackfeet Community College: \$5,196,454
- Stone Child College: \$4,312,617
- Fort Peck Community College: \$4,080,367
- Chief Dull Knife College: \$3,220,279
- Aaniiih Nakoda College: \$3,064,527

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

- Montana State University - Northern: \$3,007,257

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

- Montana State University Bozeman: \$29,110,295
- University of Montana (The): \$22,746,407
- Montana State University - Billings: \$7,536,849



**APPENDIX**

**ARP HEERF Provided by Congressional District**

**Montana Total: \$121,679,440**

- MT, At-Large District: \$121,679,440