

*Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA)*

## SIMULATED DISBURSEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS

The CRRSAA provides \$82 billion for education, with roughly \$20 billion going to higher education. The law allocates higher education funds similarly to the CARES Act, with key differences. For instance, unlike the CARES Act, which used full-time equivalent (FTE) students to allocate funds, the new law allocates half of each portion on the basis of student headcount, which means community colleges stand to get more money this time around.

\$17 billion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund goes directly from the ED to IHEs. For-profit colleges are excluded from receiving any part of these funds, which means more money will be allocated to public colleges, HBCUs, and MSIs.

State	Sector	ACE Projection of HEI Distributions	ACE Estimated Minimum Amount for Student Grants
<b>Connecticut</b> Total: \$195 million	2-year Publics	\$64,893,000	\$18,555,685
	4-year Regionals	\$38,938,000	\$12,396,133
	UConn Campuses	\$32,294,000	\$10,829,423
	Independent Colleges & Universities	\$58,843,000	\$21,425,074
<b>Maine</b> Total: \$68 million	ME Community College System	\$19,303,000	\$4,675,949
	UMaine System	\$31,820,000	\$9,891,339
	Independent Colleges & Universities	\$16,464,000	\$5,606,841
<b>Massachusetts</b> Total: \$436 million	2-year Publics	\$109,756,000	\$26,877,506
	4-year Regionals	\$57,323,000	\$17,742,504
	UMass System	\$74,856,000	\$24,307,291
	Independent Colleges & Universities	\$193,767,000	\$70,926,254
<b>New Hampshire</b> Total: \$86 million	2-year Publics	\$13,560,000	\$3,151,737
	4-year Regionals	\$11,244,000	\$3,931,862
	University of New Hampshire	\$17,051,000	\$5,888,778
	Independent Colleges & Universities	\$43,797,000	\$27,901,630
<b>Rhode Island</b> Total: \$102 million	Community College of RI	\$21,326,000	\$5,139,285
	RI College	\$12,273,000	\$3,725,958
	University of RI	\$17,492,000	\$5,711,342
	Independent Colleges & Universities	\$50,455,000	\$17,223,761
<b>Vermont</b> Total Allocation: \$41 million	Community College of VT	\$4,466,000	\$906,325
	VT State Colleges	\$12,646,000	\$3,355,616
	University of VT	\$10,633,000	\$3,550,940
	Independent Colleges & Universities	\$13,333,000	\$4,498,207

To view ACE's methodology, click [here](#).

**\$928 M**  
*Total estimated in-flow to region's Title IV, degree-granting HEIs*

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**\$4.2 M**  
*Average amount per Title IV, degree-granting HEIs*

In the distribution of the \$17 billion, 75% will be based on an institution's share of Pell Grant recipients and 25% will be based on its non-Pell students.

- 37.5% based on share of FTE Pell recipients
- 37.5% based on total Pell recipients
- 12.5% based on FTE of non-Pell students
- 12.5% based on total non-Pell students

An IHE receiving funds shall use not less than 50% (\$8.5 billion) to provide financial aid grants to students. Notably, this figure includes students exclusively enrolled in distance education and will be determined at the discretion of the institution.

The law cuts distribution of funds to wealthy colleges subject to the endowment tax by 50%. Many of these colleges did not accept funds under CARES Act.

The law also requires standardized reporting of how funds are spent using one template developed in consultation with IES in a bid to gather better data about how the money is spent.