

Education Resources

Education Stabilization Fund

The CARES Act includes \$30.750 billion for an Education Stabilization

Fund for states, school districts and institutions of higher education for costs related to coronavirus. Funds include funds for elementary and secondary education, state and local education agencies, and higher education.

Elementary and secondary education- For elementary and secondary education, \$13.5 billion is available for formula-grants to States, which will then distribute 90 percent of funds to local educational agencies to use for coronavirus-response activities, such as planning for and coordinating during long-term school closures; purchasing educational technology to support online learning for all students served by the local educational agency; and additional activities authorized by federal elementary and secondary education laws.

State and local education agencies- Governors in each state will receive a share of \$3 billion to allocate at their discretion for emergency support grants to local educational agencies that the State educational agency deems have been most significantly impacted by coronavirus. These funds will support the ability of such local educational agencies to continue to provide educational services to their students and to support the on-going operations of the local educational agency; and provide emergency support through grants to institutions of higher education serving students within the State.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund- \$14.250 billion will be available for higher education emergency relief for institution of higher education to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Universities, colleges and junior colleges, vocational/trade/career schools, and institutes of technology are entitled to a share of the funding based on the number of students they enroll, heavily weighted toward low-income Pell Grant recipients. Allocation amounts for higher education institutions can be accessed [here](#). Funds may be used to defray expenses for institutions of higher education, such as lost revenue, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, and grants to students for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund is divided into two portions- a student aid portion and an institutional portion. Colleges are required to use at least half of their share of the stimulus funding to award emergency cash grants directly to their students to help cover expenses like food, housing and child care. The rest can go to the institutions, with some restrictions.

- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Institutional Portion- The CARES Act allow institutions of higher education to use up to 50 percent of the funds they receive to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus so long as such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, including marketing and advertising; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship.



In order to access funds for the institutional portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund institutions must sign and return a [Funding Certificate and Agreement](#).

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund can be accessed [here](#).

Instructions for submitting the recipient's funding certification and agreement and application forms can be accessed [here](#).

- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Student Aid-The CARES Act provides funds to be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

In order to access funds for the student portion of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund institutions must sign and return a [Certificate of Funding and Agreement](#).

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students can be accessed [here](#).

Instructions for submitting the recipient's funding certification and agreement and application forms can be accessed [here](#).