AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

FUNDS AVAILABLE $39.6 BILLION

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The American Rescue Plan provides another $39.6 billion to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEER III) created under the CARES Act as part of the Education Stabilization Fund. This program is administered through the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) to help over 5,000 institutions of higher education (IHEs), including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), and Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), provide emergency financial aid to millions of students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 national emergency.

ELIGIBILITY

Allocations for Public and Nonprofit Institutions may be found **here**.

ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS:

- Defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll)
- At least 50% of the funding must go toward emergency financial aid grants to students
- Two new required uses for public and private nonprofit institutions are:
  – implementation of evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines; and
  – conducting direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid

TIMING AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS

DOE will automatically make supplemental awards to existing grants for IHEs that already received HEER funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Public and private nonprofit institutions that did not previously receive funding under CRRSAA will need to **apply** by August 11, 2021.

Grant expenses may be incurred back to March 13, 2020. IHEs that receive a supplemental award under ARP have one year to spend all remaining CARES, CRRSAA, and new ARP funds for each grant from the date their ARP supplemental award is made.

Further details and guidance on HEER III, including FAQs, may be found **here**.

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BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE - Ensure every student can access online learning programs from the safety of their own homes with Nitro™, the Motorola Solutions private LTE solution. This functional and cost effective solution provides enterprise-grade private LTE as a wireless backhaul to your school's network. Combine the simplicity of an easy installation without miles of cables, and heavy maintenance work in each student's home, all with the added control of having complete ownership over your network. You may be able to use your HEER grant on these solutions, but you should consult your SEA and/or legal department if you have questions.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Monitor social distancing violations automatically by measuring the distance between people so you can identify high-violation zones and times that require improvement.

OCCUPANCY COUNTING

Monitor and manage occupancy rates by counting the number of students and staff members in a specific area of your campus, such as the library or gymnasium, to support social distancing.

NO FACE MASK DETECTION

Automate the detection of students who are not wearing face masks with alarms to flag violations in real-time so you can take corrective measures.

CONTACT TRACING

See where an infected individual has been, which doors they accessed and who else may have come in contact with those doors and that individual.

ELEVATED TEMPERATURE DETECTION

High-throughput, contactless alternative to traditional screening for elevated temperatures at entrances for preventative protection.

APPEARANCE SEARCH FOR CONTACT TRACING

Sorts through hours of video with ease to quickly locate a specific person and reveal their route or last-known location on campus to assist with contact tracing and disinfection.

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Reach all your campuses with convenient, centralized access to distributed sites that enables you to remotely monitor and assess the operational state of your cameras and servers and prioritize maintenance activities.

WE CAN HELP YOU

Motorola Solutions offers a variety of solutions that can be deployed to help education agencies in their coronavirus response and mitigation efforts. You may be able to use your Education Stabilization Fund grant on these solutions, but you should consult your SEA and/or legal department if you have questions.

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