



STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

SCHEV Overview of CARES Act/Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and Estimated Distributions to Virginia Institutions

Based on information available as of May 7, 2020

The [CARES Act](#), signed into law March 27, 2020, provides \$30.8 billion in an education stabilization fund in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. Of that amount, 9.8% is distributed to the nation's Governors (Sec. 18002), 43.9% is distributed to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (Sec. 18003), and 46.3%, or \$14.2 billion, is for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (Sec. 18004), to be distributed as follows:

- Institution Aid: Section 18004(a)(1); \$12.8 billion go directly to higher education institutions as defined in the higher education act (this includes public, private non-profit/for-profit and some other schools). Three-quarters of those funds are allotted via FTE Pell enrollment, and 25% via FTE non-Pell enrollment. Exclusively - online students are not counted towards either enrollment total.
 - Half of the funds for each institution must go to direct student grant aid related to COVID-19 disruptions, including eligible expenses under the cost of attendance (e.g., food, housing, health care, etc.),
- MSI/SIP Funds: Section 18004(a)(2); \$1.1 billion goes to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), and the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP).
- FIPSE: Section 18004(a)(3); \$356 million is appropriated at the discretion of the Secretary of Education, with priority given to schools not otherwise receiving aid.

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has released distributions for all three funds, as well as guidance on use of funds. ED has also released Virginia's portion of the [Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund](#) funds (Sec. 18002). Virginia's portion is \$66 million to be split between K-12 and higher education.

The relief funds provided can be used for covering costs of instruction related to the disruption caused by COVID-19. The funds also can be used broadly to respond to disruptions from COVID-19; however, they cannot go towards payment of contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, endowments, or capital outlay associated with athletics, sectarian instruction or religious worship.

ED also provided guidance in how the funds, both the general and the 50% set aside for student grants would be disbursed. To access the funds for student grants, institutions must submit the [Certificate of Funding and Agreement](#) which states institutions shall not "reimburse itself for any costs or expenses, including but not limited to any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus and/or any refunds or other benefits that Recipient previously issued to students." The agreement outlines suggestions for methods of

distribution that prioritize the neediest students as well as reporting requirements for how the grants were awarded.

The CARES act includes a non-binding clause for institutions to continue payments to employees “where practicable.” In addition, while the act contains a “maintenance of effort” clause, it does not apply to Section 18004 funds - institutions may accept aid from the \$14.2 billion for higher education without any requirements to maintain current funding levels. However funding for higher education, including financial aid, is part of the maintenance of effort requirement for the other funds. The act also includes other provisions related to student debt payment, access to capital, and charitable giving.

Table 1: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Virginia Total by Sector

Sector	Institution Aid: Section 18004(a)(1)	MSI/SIP Funds: Section 18004(a)(2)	FIPSE: Section 18004(a)(3)	Total
Public	\$210,573,740	\$26,381,298	\$2,095,389	\$239,050,427
Private	\$51,662,293	\$14,632,261	\$6,350,644	\$72,645,198
For-Profit	\$32,155,129			\$32,155,129
Grand Total	\$294,391,162	\$41,013,559	\$8,446,033	\$343,850,754

At least 50% of funds from Section 18004(a)(1) funds must be reserved to provide students with emergency financial aid grants.

Table 2: CARES Act Allocation - Public 4-year

Institution	Institution Aid: Section 18004(a)(1)	MSI/SIP Funds: Section 18004(a)(2)	FIPSE: Section 18004(a)(3)	Total
Christopher Newport University	\$2,893,936			\$2,893,936
College of William and Mary	\$3,948,268			\$3,948,268
George Mason University	\$20,855,024			\$20,855,024
James Madison University	\$12,080,658			\$12,080,658
Longwood University	\$3,220,578			\$3,220,578
Norfolk State University	\$6,901,715	\$13,425,519		\$20,327,234
Old Dominion University	\$15,548,901	\$761,311		\$16,310,212
Radford University	\$9,092,203			\$9,092,203
University of Virginia-Main Campus	\$11,716,710			\$11,716,710

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University of Virginia's College at Wise	\$788,966			\$788,966
University of Mary Washington	\$2,888,681			\$2,888,681
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$20,288,998			\$20,288,998
Virginia Military Institute	\$1,132,691			\$1,132,691
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$19,398,987	\$79,744		\$19,478,731
Virginia State University	\$6,855,810	\$9,803,132		\$16,658,942
Eastern Virginia Medical School	\$329,653		\$170,347	\$500,000
Total	\$137,941,779	\$24,069,706	\$170,347	\$162,181,832

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Table 3: CARES Act Allocation - Public 2-year

Institution	Institution Aid: Section 18004(a)(1)	MSI/SIP Funds: Section 18004(a)(2)	FIPSE: Section 18004(a)(3)	Total
Blue Ridge Community College	\$1,862,031	\$91,705		\$1,953,736
Central School Of Practical Nursing	\$31,183		\$468,817	\$500,000
Central Virginia Community College	\$1,817,818	\$89,610		\$1,907,428
Culpeper Cosmetology Training Center	\$83,682		\$416,318	\$500,000
Dabney S Lancaster Community College	\$444,563	\$22,090	\$33,347	\$500,000
Danville Community College	\$1,604,222			\$1,604,222
Eastern Shore Community College	\$338,336	\$16,601	\$145,063	\$500,000
Germanna Community College	\$2,868,710	\$141,909		\$3,010,619
Henrico County-Saint Marys Hospital School of Practical Nursing	\$110,429		\$389,571	\$500,000
J Sargeant Reynolds Community College	\$4,151,184			\$4,151,184

John Tyler Community College	\$3,448,784	\$171,389		\$3,620,173
Lord Fairfax Community College	\$2,319,604	\$115,614		\$2,435,218
Mountain Empire Community College	\$1,394,924	\$68,189		\$1,463,113
New River Community College	\$1,658,163	\$82,333		\$1,740,496
Northern Virginia Community College	\$20,028,703	\$81,638		\$20,110,341
Patrick Henry Community College	\$1,483,723	\$72,354		\$1,556,077
Paul D Camp Community College	\$512,617			\$512,617
Piedmont Virginia Community College	\$1,892,438	\$94,158		\$1,986,596
Rappahannock Community College	\$1,149,192	\$56,994		\$1,206,186
Richard Bland College	\$820,734			\$820,734
Southside Virginia Community College	\$1,677,846	\$82,547		\$1,760,393
Southwest Virginia Community College	\$1,671,535	\$81,200		\$1,752,735
Thomas Nelson Community College	\$3,853,969	\$189,774		\$4,043,743
Tidewater Community College	\$11,999,956	\$588,559		\$12,588,515
Virginia Beach City Public Schools School of Practical Nursing	\$28,074		\$471,926	\$500,000
Virginia Highlands Community College	\$1,398,769	\$68,231		\$1,467,000
Virginia Western Community College	\$2,763,297	\$136,810		\$2,900,107
Wytheville Community College	\$1,217,475	\$59,887		\$1,277,362
Total	\$72,631,961	\$2,311,592	\$1,925,042	\$76,868,595

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Table 4: CARES Act Allocation: Private Not-for-Profit

Institution	Institution Aid: Section 18004(a)(1)	MSI/SIP Funds: Section 18004(a)(2)	FIPSE: Section 18004(a)(3)	Total
Appalachian College Of Pharmacy	\$61,104		\$438,896	\$500,000
Appalachian School Of Law	\$41,609		\$458,391	\$500,000
Averett University	\$1,055,659	\$51,569		\$1,107,228
Bethel College	\$19,542	\$1,316	\$479,142	\$500,000
Bluefield College	\$691,152	\$33,621		\$724,773
Bon Secours Memorial College Of Nursing	\$141,069		\$358,931	\$500,000
Bon Secours St Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging	\$22,589		\$477,411	\$500,000
Bridgewater College	\$1,799,980			\$1,799,980
Cayce/Reilly School Of Massage	\$61,587		\$438,413	\$500,000
Centra College of Nursing	\$229,579	\$11,146	\$259,275	\$500,000
Divine Mercy University	\$12,649		\$487,351	\$500,000
Eastern Mennonite University	\$893,425			\$893,425
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine	\$589,803			\$589,803
Emory & Henry College	\$1,262,240	\$61,750		\$1,323,990
Fairfax University Of America/Virginia International University	\$78,295		\$421,705	\$500,000
Ferrum College	\$1,673,615	\$80,948		\$1,754,563
Hampden-Sydney College	\$679,908			\$679,908
Hampton University	\$4,264,342	\$9,884,324		\$14,148,666
Hollins University	\$799,714	\$39,318		\$839,032
Liberty University	\$15,205,124	\$742,233		\$15,947,357
Mary Baldwin University	\$1,120,685	\$54,783		\$1,175,468
Marymount University	\$2,074,937			\$2,074,937
Randolph College	\$664,874			\$664,874
Randolph-Macon College	\$1,058,238			\$1,058,238
Regent University	\$1,567,327	\$76,976		\$1,644,303
Riverside College Of Health Careers	\$346,191		\$153,809	\$500,000
Roanoke College	\$1,777,599			\$1,777,599
Sentara College Of Health Sciences	\$178,560		\$321,440	\$500,000
Shenandoah University	\$2,040,202			\$2,040,202

Southern Virginia University	\$1,257,205	\$60,892		\$1,318,097
Sweet Briar College	\$272,489		\$227,511	\$500,000
Union Presbyterian Seminary	\$41,609		\$458,391	\$500,000
University of Lynchburg	\$1,975,980	\$97,662		\$2,073,642
University of Richmond	\$2,425,545			\$2,425,545
Virginia Beach Theological Seminary	\$3,070		\$496,930	\$500,000
Virginia Union University	\$2,251,677	\$2,922,768		\$5,174,445
Virginia University Of Integrative Medicine	\$79,436		\$420,564	\$500,000
Virginia University of Lynchburg	\$357,917	\$440,105		\$798,022
Virginia Wesleyan University	\$1,493,207	\$72,850		\$1,566,057
Washington and Lee University	\$1,045,044			\$1,045,044
Wave Leadership College	\$47,516		\$452,484	\$500,000
Total	\$51,662,293	\$14,632,261	\$6,350,644	\$72,645,198

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