



Ideas from Community Colleges in Texas
Federal HEERF Funding
Institutional Funds
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Use of Federal HEERF Institutional Funds

- Examples in this presentation are compiled from various community colleges across Texas
 - Have been implemented or are in the process of implementation
 - HEERF reporting category is indicated for each item
- Best sources of information –
 - Department of Education
 - <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arp.html>
 - Guidance received from officials indicated on colleges' award documents has been at times vague, and at other times inconsistent between colleges
 - Ongoing webinars and guidance from NACUBO and other professional organizations
 - Ongoing communication with College's external audit firm

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Broad categories of use include:

1) Replace Lost Revenue

Spring 2020–Summer 2021 - Tuition, Auxiliary, Camps, Childcare Center, Facility Rentals, etc.

Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 - State Appropriations

2) Technology Costs

General software and hardware additions and upgrades facilitating increasing reliance on remote access

Cybersecurity positions (two years)

Expanded network infrastructure to expand bandwidth for student use on campus

3) Director, Admin and operational costs to oversee HEERF program

4) Indirect Cost charged to Grant

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5) Reduce barriers for students

Discharge student debt for Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021

Covering cost of students retaking failed classes from Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

Covering cost of students taking short-term workforce training (credit and non-credit) from 6 to 12 months, leading to a living wage

6) Emergency PPE/supplies, interns, screeners

7) Startup funding to serve students with accessibility and neurodiversity challenges — (two years – then partially or fully funded by donor)

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8) Instructional Support

Instructional Tech and Instructional Designer (two years)

Library resources including video services, program-specific databases, and test preparation tools for student use

Simulation equipment and software for health and science programs

Adjunct faculty stipends for completion of series of virtual trainings related to teaching remotely

Additional Part Time Tutors – virtual and face to face

Additional pay to faculty teaching one section at two different times to reduce number of students in a section

9) Financial Aid Recipient Outreach (HEERF requirement)

10) Physical modifications to combat respiratory illness (HEERF Requirement)

Building Air Control System Improvement/Touchless restroom fixtures, water fountains, bottle-filling stations

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11) Services to more fully support students

Manager, outreach calls to students (two years)

Online mental health services

Additional Scholarship Account Specialists (two years)

Additional Financial Aid Advisors (two years)

Additional Financial Aid Specialist (two years)

Additional Ed Planners (two years)

Startup funding for Program Efficacy–FT Coordinator (two years)

12) Employee benefits for all positions listed (two years)