

CFAC Request from the Office of the State Board of Education

Higher Education Covid-19 Response Initiative

Request:

The Office of the State Board of Education is requesting \$5 million in supplemental funding for the eight public colleges and universities. An additional \$1M in funding is requested for the five private, non-profit postsecondary institutions to support critical expenditures related to their COVID-19 responses. Earlier in the year, a variety of needs were anticipated and as the new academic year has unfolded, various responses have been required. The \$5M funding would be distributed among the eight institutions divided proportionally based on the number of degree-seeking students at each institution as of tenth day enrollment for the fall semester. The additional \$1M in funding for the private institutions would be divided equally among them consistent with the attached request from President Pearsall of Northwest Nazarene University.

Goals:

- Provide support to the student experience as students have returned to campus but are faced with a new paradigm for learning.
- Provide resources to students who require assistance (academic and mental health) to guide them to educational success.
- Provide resources to institutions for expenses related to COVID-19 response.

Background:

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Board of Education has been meeting regularly to address the challenges faced by the institutions and the students they serve. Initial movement to online modes of teaching was the first wave of responsiveness. However, with the return of students to campuses across the state, the eight institutions of higher education have sought to be nimble in responding to the necessity of creating a learning environment that supports the multi-faceted physical and behavioral health needs of students and their academic experience.

The needs vary from campus to campus both in terms of scope of need, and the kinds of needs that exist given the student population and the community in which each resides. Should CFAC grant this request, the funding would be used to provide relief for the areas of need that are most critical at each specific institution.

General categories of need include, but are not limited to:

- Network Infrastructure
- Instructional Technology
- Public Health and Safety
- Mental Health and counseling

Examples:

The kinds of items that might fall into these categories are (in no particular priority order):

Community Colleges:

- Improving the wireless environment in residential life buildings
- Additional mental health counseling services
- Additional COVID-19 testing availability for students
- Additional devices for loan to students
- Additional classroom distance learning capacity
- Additional online tutoring
- Additional cameras and microphones
- Contact tracers
- Dry hydrogen peroxide generators for building sanitation
- Additional staffing for custodial/cleaning services and contact tracers
- Testing/balancing services for ventilation/ducts/water coils

Colleges and Universities:

- Faculty training
- Infrastructure remodeling
- Classroom space
- Online counseling (telehealth)
- New public health employees (CNAs)
- COVID-19 testing equipment
- Thermal scanners

While many of these areas are mutually shared, two areas rose to the surface as universal: Mental health counseling and emergency grants for students.

Summary:

This request is respectfully submitted to allow institutions to prioritize where the greatest areas of need exist that could be addressed within the U.S. Treasury guidelines and timeframe. In many cases, it may reimburse or offset costs that were expended but unbudgeted, and in others it may be expanding student services that are needed at this time. By distributing the funding for the public colleges and universities proportionally based on tenth day statistics, which are the most up-to-date data available for this fall, and requiring institutions to draw down those funds consistent with CARES Act guidelines, it provides support to students where each institution determines the need is greatest.

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	Enrollment*	Allocation
BSU	17,255	\$ 1,625,400
ISU	9,102	\$ 857,400
UI	9,180	\$ 864,700
LCSC	2,728	\$ 257,000
CEI	1,372	\$ 129,200
CSI	3,634	\$ 342,300
CWI	6,563	\$ 618,200
NIC	3,246	\$ 305,800
TOTAL	53,080	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>

* Fall 2020 - 10th Day - Degree Seeking Undergraduate and Graduate

C of I	\$ 200,000.00
BBC	\$ 200,000.00
BYU-I	\$ 200,000.00
NSA	\$ 200,000.00
NNU	\$ 200,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>