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Office of the Secretary of Higher Education to Award More Than \$68 Million in Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds to New Jersey Colleges and Universities

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) will award more than \$68 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to New Jersey’s public colleges and universities to help institutions continue providing high-quality educational services to students amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding from the U.S. Department of Education through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund provided Governors flexibility through an emergency grant to decide how best to meet the needs of students, schools, postsecondary institutions and other education-related organizations in their states. Given the significant financial burdens that institutions of higher education are facing due to the unprecedented public health emergency, Governor Phil Murphy focused the state’s GEER funds on New Jersey postsecondary institutions.

All eligible public colleges and universities applied and demonstrated a significant need for the GEER funding. Grants to institutions will be based on an OSHE-developed allocation rationale that incorporates priority populations from the New Jersey State Higher Education Plan, [“Where Opportunity Meets Innovation: A Student-Centered Vision for New Jersey Higher Education.”](#) This includes institutions’ share of Pell recipients, underrepresented minority and overall enrollments. These priority populations have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and as such, institutions serving larger proportions of these student groups were prioritized. The funding will be divided between New Jersey’s senior public institutions and community colleges.

Institutions can use the GEER funds to support students and faculty for continuity of operations during the period of disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the application, institutions also had to submit a financial impact statement that reflected the period from March 13 to May 30, 2020. Funds must be spent within one year of receipt. Institutions must submit an interim project report within six months of receipt funding award.

A breakdown of GEER fund award allocations by institution is as follows:

Kean University	\$4,890,670
Montclair State University	\$6,601,209
New Jersey City University	\$3,027,474
New Jersey Institute of Technology	\$3,166,326
Ramapo College of New Jersey	\$1,603,309
Rowan University	\$5,300,326
Rutgers University - New Brunswick	\$12,731,120
Rutgers University - Camden	\$2,166,746
Rutgers University - Newark	\$4,323,540

Stockton University	\$2,815,904
The College of New Jersey	\$1,877,804
Thomas Edison State University	\$3,354,942
William Paterson University	\$3,512,415
Total Senior Publics	\$55,371,785
Atlantic Cape Community College	\$500,373
Bergen Community College	\$1,124,546
Brookdale Community College	\$936,124
Camden County College	\$1,006,150
Essex County College	\$847,105
Hudson County Community College	\$947,744
Mercer County Community College	\$668,335
Middlesex County College	\$1,052,512
County College of Morris	\$587,307
Ocean County College	\$757,932
Passaic County Community College	\$795,995
Raritan Valley Community College	\$645,289
Rowan College at Burlington County	\$821,512
Rowan College of South Jersey	\$849,808
Salem Community College	\$89,945
Sussex County Community College	\$186,221
Union County College	\$987,312
Warren County Community College	\$189,001
Total Community Colleges	\$12,993,209
Grand Total, All Colleges	\$68,364,994

For more information about the GEER funds, please see OSHE's [fact sheet](#) and the U.S. Department of Education's [website](#).