

**Community Colleges Recovery Now Funding,
Maryland Higher Education Commission**
\$10.0 Million (R62I00.05 and R95C00)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall increase the resources of community colleges through Aid to Community Colleges and Baltimore City Community College proportional to each college's share of total State aid provided under §§16-305 and 16-512 of the Education Article in fiscal year 2021. These additional funds shall be used to offer services to students or members of the community who are seeking training or other assistance to improve their job skills or reenter the workplace after losing a job or being otherwise negatively impacted by the pandemic.

June 30 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- MHEC awarded \$8,782,215 Recovery Now Funding to 15 locally governed community colleges.
- Funds provide the colleges support to expand existing and develop new in-demand workforce development training and educational programs and market the programs to students and community members who are recently unemployed or want to improve their job skills to reenter the workplace.
- Colleges utilize the funds to:
 - Provide direct aid to students enrolled in credit and non-credit workforce development or continuing professional education courses;
 - Fund outreach and marketing to market expanded and new in-demand programs to employers, prospective students, and recently unemployed Marylanders;
 - Fund capacity-building initiatives and enhanced ability to deliver training and licensure programs;
 - Expand existing workforce development training and educational programs that lead to an industry-recognized credential, certification, or licensure;
 - Develop new in-demand workforce development training programs that lead to an industry-recognized credential, certification, or licensure; and
 - Fund indirect costs up to 8%.

June 30 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- There are no programmatic or implementation issues to date.

June 30 - Distribution of Funds:

- As of June 25, the colleges have awarded 1,505 scholarships, the distribution of which is shown in a separate data document, as is the distribution of funds by institution.