



NEVADA FACULTY ALLIANCE

The [Nevada Faculty Alliance](#) is the independent statewide association of faculty of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The NFA is affiliated with the American Association of University Professors, which advocates for academic freedom, shared governance, and faculty rights. The NFA works to empower faculty to be wholly engaged in our mission to help students succeed.

Comparing NSHE Budget Cuts to Federal Relief Funds

Reductions to state appropriations exceed federal higher education emergency relief funding for institutional use by \$111M, before accounting for additional COVID-related expenses.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP, [HR1319](#)) was signed by President Biden on March 11 and is the third federal relief package that includes Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF). Below, we summarize the [HEERF I](#) (CARES), [HEERF II](#) (CRRSAA), and [HEERF III](#) (American Rescue Plan) funds and Minority Serving Institutions–Strengthening Institutions Program ([CRRSAA](#) & [ARP](#)) funds to NSHE colleges and universities:

Federal HEERF Student Aid Funds

(minimum, must be used only for direct support to students)

HEERF I (CARES)	HEERF II (CRRSAA)	HEERF III (ARP)	TOTAL
\$30.0M	\$30.0M	\$100.5M	\$160.5M

Federal Institutional Support

(maximum allocations)

HEERF I (CARES)	\$30.0M
HEERF II (CRRSAA)	\$82.0M
MSI-SIP (CRRSAA)	\$5.1M
HEERF III (ARP)	\$97.1M
MSI-SIP (ARP)	\$8.8M
TOTAL	\$223.0M

State Appropriation Budget Cuts to NSHE

FY '20 (4%)	\$27.4M
FY '21 (AB3, 19.8%)	\$137.8M
FY '22 (GovRec, 12%)	\$84.5M
FY '23 (GovRec, 12%)	\$84.5M
TOTAL	\$334.2M

- **The net loss to NSHE (state budget cuts minus federal institutional support) is \$111.2 million**, before accounting for expenses directly related to the pandemic and the transition to remote operations or losses in non-state revenues.
- For [NSHE's \\$82M in HEERF II funds](#): \$27.5M offsets student revenue losses from lower enrollment, \$27.3M for housing, food service, and other non-state revenue losses, \$14.6M for Covid-19 remediation, \$8.6M for additional student aid, and \$4.0M for other shortfalls.
- Federal guidance for HEERF I and HEERF II funds did not allow use to offset reductions to state appropriations, but rather only for non-state revenue losses and Covid-related expenses. HEERF III is expected to allow offsetting state revenue losses also, but non-state revenue losses remain significant and reopening campuses in the Fall requires additional Covid-19 remediation.
- **Reduced funding takes away resources needed to support academic programs when students return in the Fall.**

The May 5 Economic Forum added \$586M to the biennial budget and the American Rescue Plan provides \$2.9B to the State of Nevada which may be used to offset state revenue losses. The NFA requests that some of these funds be used to fill the budget holes at NSHE and replace eliminated positions in FY2022 and FY2023.