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Latest News

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Package
- Budget Reconciliation Bill
- Vaccine Mandates
- Annual Appropriations
- Student Loans/Financial Aid

Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill-Broadband

- **\$42.45 billion** in formula-based grants to states for the deployment of broadband.
- **\$14.2 billion** for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit, which would provide a \$30 monthly voucher for low-income families to use on an internet service plan of their choice. This builds on the existing [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#).
- **\$2.75 billion** for the Digital Equity Act implementation, which includes grant programs to invest in digital inclusion activities and strengthen state-level capacity for increased broadband adoption.
- **\$2 billion** for Tribal grants for broadband deployment, digital inclusion, workforce development, and distance learning.
- **\$2 billion** in support of rural broadband.



Latest News on Budget Reconciliation

- Democrats hope to pass the reconciliation bill package by Thanksgiving
- Sen. Manchin wants further study of the bill on inflation, deficit, and tax code.
- House moderates want to see the CBO scores
- Sen. Sinema has not fully endorsed the package
- Pressure will build on holdouts in the Senate



Build Back Better Framework

- Latest News
- ~~Free Community College~~
- Pell Grant Increases
- Changes to Financial Aid Policies
- Completion Grants
- Teacher Prep
- HBCU, HSIs, and MSI funding
- Workforce/Apprenticeships
- Other issues



October 28, 2021

Statement by SHEEO President Robert Anderson, Ph.D., on the Budget Reconciliation Agreement:

“The Build Back Better framework is an important milestone in making college more affordable, improving student degree completion, addressing workforce needs, and strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and minority-serving institutions. While the funding levels were less than previous proposals, the framework—combined with the bipartisan infrastructure package—creates a foundation for further federal-state partnerships and investments in college access, student success, and institutional capacity. SHEEO particularly welcomes the \$550 increase in the maximum Pell Grant award and funding for scaling proven college completion strategies, which will help states meet educational attainment goals and grow their economies. We thank President Biden and House and Senate leaders for their support of higher education and urge swift passage of this bill.”

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- Free Community College (“America’s College Promise”) removed from Build Back Better Framework
- Sens. Manchin, Sinema opposed the provision
- Within institutional-based associations, did not gain broad support outside of the community college associations
- Complicated policy that changed during the process
- Many remain unsure of expanded federal control in public higher education and increased investments in one sector of higher education

Pell Grants

- The Pell Grant maximum award would increase by \$550 for students at public and private, nonprofit institutions from 2022-23 through 2025-26.
 - This is a slight increase over the \$500 in the September package, but much less than the \$1,400 in the original proposal
 - #DoublePell coalition remains disappointed in the outcome
 - For-profit colleges excluded from the \$550 increase, which would be a change in direction
 - Another \$400 Pell Grant increase is likely coming via the annual appropriations process

Student Financial Aid Policy Changes

- DACA, temporary protected, and deferred enforced departure students would be eligible for Title IV financial aid until the end of the decade
- Pell Grants would not be included as taxable income
- When FAFSA simplification is fully implemented, means-tested benefit recipients within the last 24 months would receive an automatic -\$1,500 student aid index (max Pell)

Completion Grants

- \$500 million competitive grant program over FY2022-2030
- Eligible entity: State (50 states, DC, territories, and freely assoc. states), TCU, or “system of institutions of higher education”
- Matching Requirement (for state or system):
 - 10% year 2
 - 15% year 3
 - 20% year 4 and subsequent years
- Eligible entity must submit an application, show adequate progress, and implement evidence-based reforms or practices

Completion Grant Requirements

Feature	Description
Priority populations	Students of color, low-income students, students with disabilities, students in need of remediation, first gen college students, student parents and other underserved populations
Priority outcomes	To improve enrollment, retention, transfer, or completion rates or labor market outcomes
Adequate Progress	Demonstrate adequate progress in implementing or expanding evidence-based reforms and practices and improving the outcomes listed above among priority populations.

Evidence-Based Reforms and Practices

- Comprehensive academic, career, and student support services including mentoring, advising or case management
- Assistance in applying for and accessing direct support services, financial assistance, or means-tested benefit programs to meet basic needs
- Accelerated learning opportunities, including dual or concurrent enrollment, early college high school
- Reforming remedial or developmental education, course scheduling, or credit-awarding policies
- Improving transfer pathways

Completion Grants Appropriation in BBB

Appropriation	FY2022-FY2030*
Amount for states and systems of institutions	\$310M
Amount for TCUs	\$37.5M
Supplement for Evidence Tier 1	\$95M
Supplement for Evidence Tier 1 or 2	\$47.5M
Evaluation of effectiveness	\$10M
Total	\$500M

*authority to make grants will sunset in AY2026-27

Completion Grants Program: House Mark-up v. BBB Agreement

	House Mark-up Bill	Build Back Better
Eligible applicant	States and TCUs	States, TCUs, and system of institutions
Matching requirement	None	10%-20%
Funding	\$9 billion	\$500 million
Administrative set-aside	3% for administration, 3% for evaluation	\$10 million for evaluation
Requirements	Must be participant in free community college	No free community college requirement (ACP is no longer in BBB)

Key Points for Teacher Preparation

Programs	Amount: Before	Now
Grow Your Own	\$197,000,000	\$112,684,000
Teacher Residency	\$198,000,000	\$112,266,000
School Leadership	\$198,000,000	\$112,266,000
Hawkins Centers of Excellence	\$198,000,000	\$112,226,000
Personnel Development for Individuals with Disabilities	\$297,000,000	\$160,776,000
Native American Language Teachers and Educations	N/A	\$200,000,000

Key Points for Equity and Diversity in Higher Education

- **\$6 billion in mandatory appropriations to HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs**
 - **\$470.6 million---Hispanic-serving institution STEM and articulation programs**
 - **\$470.6 million---HBCUs and Predominantly Black Institutions (85% and 15%, respectively)**
 - **\$141.1 million---Tribal Colleges and Universities**
 - **\$70.5 million---Alaska Native-serving and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions**
 - **\$23.5 million---Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander institutions**
 - **\$23.5 million---Native American-serving nontribal institutions**

Key Points for Equity and Diversity in Higher Education

- **HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs:** Improvements to development and research infrastructure; amount not specified
- **College Access:** Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and other lands: student awards \$15,000 annually, \$75,000 total
- **Maternal Health:** \$50,000,000 for studies at MSIs
- **Research Capacity:** \$75,000,000 to expand research capacity and diversify the workforce.
- **Minority Business Development:** \$200,000,000 for MSI rural minority business partnerships
- **Broad program development:** \$1,000,000,000 for institutions including MSIs
- **National Science Foundation (NSF):** \$200,000,000 for institutions' capacity building
- **NSF:** \$100,000,000 for facilities modernization at HBCUs, TCUs, HSIs and other MSIs.
- **Health and Human Services; Hawkins Program; Grow Your Own**

Workforce and Apprenticeships

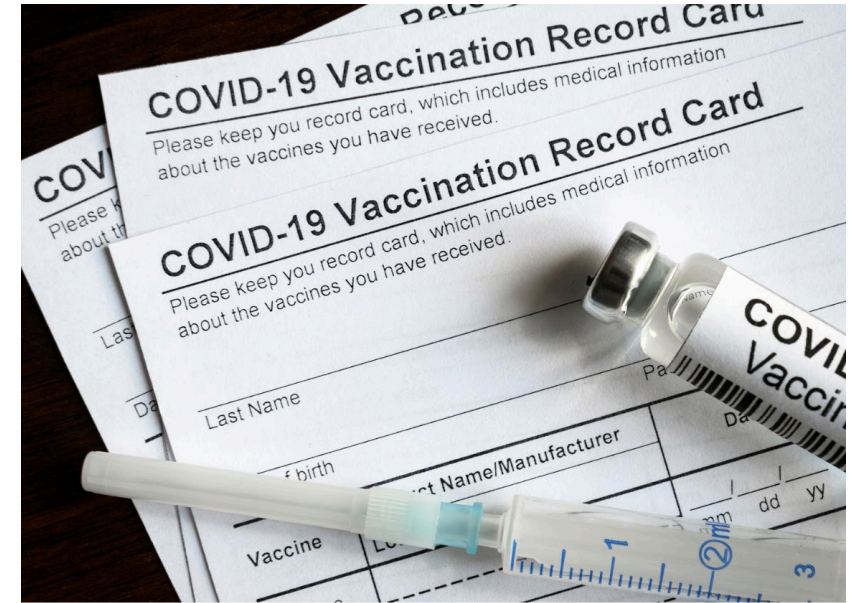
- \$20 billion total for workforce development programs through 2026
 - \$1 billion for Adult Worker Employment and Training
 - \$2 billion for Dislocated Worker State Grants
 - \$5 billion for industry or sector partnership grants
 - \$1 billion for registered apprenticeships
 - \$1.5 billion for Youth Employment and Training Activities
 - Array of other workforce development programs.

Other Provisions

- Repeals the denial of the American Opportunity tax for felony drug convictions
- \$250 fee for F-1 and M-1 nonimmigrant visas, paid for by institutions, \$500 fee for Optional Practical Training

Vaccine Mandates

- ***Temporarily Blocked by Appeals Court***
- Federal Contractors
 - Includes colleges and universities with federal contracts
- OSHA Mandate
 - Requires vaccination or weekly testing
 - Applies to all private colleges over 100 employees and public colleges in 28 states/territories with OSHA-approved state plans that cover public employees
 - MHEC States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota,
- CMS Mandate
 - Workers at health care facilities participating in Medicare or Medicaid
- All mandates have a deadline of January 4, 2022



Appropriations/Debt Ceiling

- Continuing resolution (CR) in effect until December 3
- Ranking Member Shelby: Another CR likely in December, possible year-long CR?
- Policy riders and defense vs. non-defense spending are areas of contention
- For higher education, House and Senate bills include \$400 increase in Pell maximum. Senate spending bill slightly smaller than the House.
- Debt ceiling also looms large for December



Student Loans/Financial Aid

- The pause on student loans will end on January 31, 2022
- No word on loan forgiveness memo
- Biden Administration currently offering waivers on parts of Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
- Current negotiated rulemaking panel helping revise regulations on a host of issues
 - Total and Permanent Disability, Closed School Discharge, Eliminate Interest Capitalization, Improving Public Student Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Application Process, PSLF Eligibility Borrower Defense (BD) Adjudication Process, BD Post Adjudication, BD Recovery From Institutions, Predispute Arbitration, Income Driven Repayment (IDR) Plan, False Certification Discharge
- 2022 rulemaking will include 90/10 rule



and Student Loans Committee



Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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[Statement by SHEEO President Robert Anderson, Ph.D., on the Budget Reconciliation Agreement](#)

[Coalition Letter RE: Veterans Benefits COVID Extensions, Technical Correction Bill](#)

National Policy Update

[Report: College Comes to High School: Participation and Performance in Tennessee's Innovative Wave of Dual-Credit Courses](#)

Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis (Date posted: November 1, 2021)

[Lawmakers, alumni groups call for free speech on campuses: 'There has to be some legal action'](#)

Fox News (Date posted: November 2, 2021)

[What Happened at Negotiated Rulemaking's Prison Education Program Subcommittee](#)

New America (Date posted: October 28, 2021)

['HBCUs survived': Historically Black colleges poised to get billions in spending bill](#)

McClatchy (Date posted: November 1, 2021)

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