

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

**Memo**

**To:** Presidents  
**Cc:** State Regents  
**From:** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson  
**Date:** Monday, November 2, 2020  
**Subject:** Additional CARES Act Funding for Higher Education

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On October 20, 2020, I notified the State Regents and Presidents that Governor Stitt and Secretary of Budget Mike Mazzei had approved a funding proposal from Representative Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) to provide \$5 million from Oklahoma's Coronavirus Relief Fund to our colleges, universities and constituent agencies for personal protective equipment (PPE) cost reimbursement (copy of memo attached – Attachment 1).

I wanted to let you know that we were advised this morning by Representative Hilbert that Governor Stitt and Secretary Mazzei approved an additional \$2 million from the Oklahoma Coronavirus Relief Fund for this proposal to reimburse the costs of PPE to our public colleges, universities, and constituent agencies, for a total amount of \$7 million for this financial support.

The updated approved proposal provides a total of up to \$7 million to reimburse higher education institutions for COVID-19 related costs, such as sanitization work, masks, gloves, face shields, and disposable gowns for students and faculty, as necessary to resume classes at Oklahoma.

Institutions will receive an initial base allotment of \$50,000, with ½ of the remaining potential reimbursement based on the college or university's percentage share of FY21 state appropriated funds and the remaining ½ potential reimbursement based on percentage share of Fall 2019 student headcount.

A copy of the updated potential reimbursement amounts to each institution has been attached for your review (Attachment 2). It is anticipated that instructions for applying for reimbursement should be made available by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) this week.

Please join me in thanking Representative Hilbert for his advocacy and efforts to help secure much-needed funding for our colleges and universities. We also want to extend a sincere thank

you to Governor Stitt and Secretary Mazzei for their leadership in approving this additional funding.

Thanks.

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