

## **Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students (EAPS) Grant**

### **Fiscal Year 2026 Request for Proposal Technical Questions**

These questions have been submitted to the Office of Higher Education regarding technical questions for the Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students (EAPS) grant program, fiscal year 2026, Request for Proposal.

#### **Can institutions from the Minnesota State and University of Minnesota System apply for this this grant?**

The Minnesota State and University of Minnesota System is expected to continue to receive a direct appropriation or legislatively-named grant from the legislature to fund the emergency grant programs on Minn State and University of MN campuses for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. The current EAPS Grant RFP that is available is only for private, non-profit postsecondary institutions and tribal colleges.

#### **What are allowable expenditures, and will grantees receive a percentage for Indirect Costs?**

As described in the RFP, allowable expenditures are limited to emergency grants provided directly to students. Emergency grants may be provided in different forms including:

- Funds paid to students
- Funds paid to third parties on behalf of students
- Gift cards provided to students
  - Documentation must be retained demonstrating gift cards were provided to students, not just purchased

Indirect Costs cannot be paid for with EAPS grant funds.

#### **Is there a character limit?**

There are no character limits in the online application but applicants are encouraged to complete the Proposal Narrative questions such when combined the text would not exceed 12 pages at 12-point font with at least 1.5 line spacing.