Under National Emergency Declaration, Private, Nonprofit Colleges and Universities Eligible for Public Assistance

President Trump issued a nationwide COVID-19 emergency declaration last month, in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act, making nonprofit colleges and universities eligible to apply for public assistance.

If a college or university is located in an affected area, protective measures taken to contend with COVID-19 may be eligible for reimbursement, if they are taken under the direction of public health officials.

Institutions should reach out to their local emergency management agency to see if they qualify to take reimbursable emergency protective measures. The federal government typically covers 75 percent of the expenses and the state covers the remaining 25 percent.

NAICU has reached out to the national FEMA Private Sector office requesting further guidance, and to get a list of what actions are considered protective measures as a result of COVID-19. We will provide an update as soon as we receive a response.

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