

Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students (EAPS) State Mandated Report

Due February 1, 2026

Background

This report is submitted on behalf of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota as required as part of the Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students (EAPS) funding approved within [2025 Minn. Laws 1st Sp. Sess. Chap 5 Art 1 Sec 4 Subd. 7\(d\)](#). This report was developed by the Office of Student Finance within the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Minnesota.

Per the requirements set forth in [Minnesota Statute 3.197](#), the cost to prepare this report was \$1,041.75.

Current report

FY 2026 EAPS funds were available to students in the University of Minnesota system starting November 13, 2025. This report covers spending through December 31, 2025. Students will have access to FY 2026 funding through the spring 2026 and summer 2026 academic terms. Spending information for those terms will be provided in the report due February 1, 2027.

Distribution of funds

The \$779,000 allocated for FY 2026 for emergency assistance grants to University of Minnesota students was distributed proportionally to each campus based on the number of degree-seeking undergraduate students at each institution within the system. The Twin Cities and Rochester campuses are considered one financial aid institution so the funding for these campuses was combined. This breaks down thusly:

- Crookston (4.34% of students systemwide): \$33,809.00
- Duluth (16.91%): \$131,729.00
- Morris (2.17%): \$16,904.00

- Twin Cities/Rochester (76.58%): \$596,558.00

Application and awarding process

The general process is similar across all campuses with slight differences. The Director of Financial Aid on each campus has the ability to override the process and utilize professional judgment when disbursing emergency grants to students. Any overrides of processes are heavily documented.

Crookston campus

Information about emergency funding is available on the [Crookston One Stop website](#). Students contact the Financial Aid office to inquire about the funding. Counselors closely examine the student's financial aid package and other factors. If the student would be a good candidate for an emergency grant, an application is provided. The maximum dollar amount for emergency funding is \$2,000. Students are eligible once per career unless there are extenuating circumstances. The approval of the financial aid director is necessary for the dollar amount to exceed \$2,000 per grant or to disburse more than one emergency grant per career. Emergency funds disburse directly to the student and bypass any charges that exist on a student account.

Duluth campus

Students apply using an application available on the [Duluth One Stop website](#). Counselors closely examine the student's eligibility and other factors. If the student would be a good candidate for an emergency grant, the grant is awarded. If a proposed emergency grant would exceed \$2,000, a second consult is necessary. The Financial Aid office reviews all grants awarded, and if approved, funds are disbursed to the student. Emergency funds disburse directly to the student and bypass any charges that exist on a student account.

Morris campus

Students apply using an application available on the [Morris One Stop website](#). Counselors closely examine the student financial aid package and other factors. If the student would be a good candidate for an emergency grant, the grant is awarded. The maximum dollar amount for emergency funding is \$2,000. Students are eligible once per career unless

there are extenuating circumstances. The approval of the financial aid director is necessary for the dollar amount to exceed \$2,000 per grant, or to disburse more than one emergency grant per academic year. Emergency funds disburse directly to the student and bypass any charges that exist on a student account.

Twin Cities/Rochester campuses

Information about emergency funding is available on the One Stop website ([Twin Cities](#) and [Rochester](#)). Students reach out to our One Stop Student Services to inquire about emergency funding. Counselors closely examine the student's financial aid package and other factors. If the student would be a good candidate for an emergency grant, an application is provided. The maximum dollar amount for emergency funding is \$2,000. Students are eligible once per career unless there are extenuating circumstances. The approval of the financial aid director is necessary for the dollar amount to exceed \$2,000 per grant or to disburse more than one emergency grant per career. Emergency funds disburse directly to the student and bypass any charges that exist on a student account.

Number of students receiving emergency assistance grants and average award amount

The total number of students receiving EAPS grants from November 13, 2025 to December 31, 2025 across all University of Minnesota campuses was \$183,970.00. This is broken down by campus thusly:

- Crookston: 1 student totalling \$925.00
- Duluth: 48 students totalling \$54,950.00 (\$1,145.00 average)
- Morris: 6 students totalling \$3,375.00 (\$563.00 average)
- Twin Cities/Rochester: 116 students totalling \$124,720.00 (\$1,075 average)

Needs that grants were awarded to meet

The three most common categories for EAPS grant requests for each campus were:

- Crookston (only one award): housing
- Duluth: transportation, housing, food
- Morris: technology, medical, housing
- Twin Cities/Rochester: housing, food, transportation

Average length of time between grant application and disbursement to students

Applications were processed as quickly as possible while also maintaining process consistency and thorough documentation. The time between grant application and disbursement to students for each campus is as follows:

- Crookston: 1 business day
- Duluth: 2 business days
- Morris: 1 business day
- Twin Cities/Rochester: 2 business days