

# Funding roundup

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The [San Diego Community College District](#) (SDCCD) has secured nearly \$2.5 million in federal funding to finance improvements throughout the district.

The largest appropriation, nearly \$1.5 million, is earmarked for building family-friendly study centers to support student parents. In addition to a computer lab and study spaces, the centers will feature a playroom, nursing area, small kitchen, family-friendly restrooms and an outdoor playground.

Approximately \$500,000 will go toward renovating [Miramar College's](#) School of Public Safety and its Police Academy. The facility serves as the region's police officer training hub for most of law enforcement agencies in San Diego County. An additional \$500,000 will allow for long-overdue upgrades of restrooms at the Educational Cultural Complex.

## *Massachusetts*

Seven Massachusetts community colleges received state grants to purchase automatic external defibrillators (AED) for emergency response vehicles. The recipients are:

- [Berkshire Community College](#)
- [Bristol Community College](#)
- [MassBay Community College](#)
- [Middlesex Community College](#)
- [Northern Essex Community College](#)
- [Quinsigamond Community College](#)
- [Springfield Technical Community College](#)

The colleges were among **80** Massachusetts municipalities, higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations to receive the funding to help increase access to this lifesaving equipment. The average grant was around \$2,000.