MSU Direct Financial Assistance
The Office of Financial Aid offers short-term loans for students

College-Specific Emergency Funds
Many MSU colleges are actively raising funds to support their students with financial hardships. Contact your college’s main administrative office for more details.

The Graduate School offers emergency funding

Renter’s Assistance
Student Legal Services
(517) 353-3716, info@studentlegalservices.com
Free to undergraduate and graduate students.

MSU Housing Clinic
517-432-6880, clinic@law.msu.edu

Capital Area Housing Partnership
(517) 332-4663
Comprehensive COVID-19 resource page for homeowners and renters in Mid-Michigan. Call or go online to make an appointment to receive one-on-one advice.

Be Proactive
If you are struggling to make rent, contact your landlord or leasing office directly to discuss payment options and flexibility.

Additional Resources
Stay Updated w/ Local COVID-19 News
City of East Lansing & City of Lansing

City of Lansing’s Office of Financial Empowerment
A dedicated page to your finances and COVID-19.

MSU Student Food Bank
foodbank@msu.edu, Available by appointment.

MSU Safe Place
(517) 355-1100
Providing MSU affiliated persons experiencing emotional, physical or sexual abuse with safe shelter.

MSU Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)
(517) 355-8270
MSU Students can call for a phone appointment.

For a complete list of MSU-based student resources, go to https://msu.edu/coronavirus/resources/

State & Federal Financial Assistance
Unemployment Insurance (UI)
The federal government recently passed the CARES Act, which among other things, expanded the eligibility criteria for UI. If you are a Michigan resident, please go to the Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity website or call 866-500-0017 to find out if you qualify. Out-of-state residents, please refer to your home state’s UI website for more details.

Direct Federal Payments
Under the recently passed CARES Act, individuals who earned less than $75,000 last year (and couples who earned less than $150,000) are eligible to receive a $1200 direct payment from the Federal Government in the coming weeks. For more information and to see if and how you may benefit, visit the City of Lansing’s Office of Economic Empowerment website.

For more information, contact MSU’s Community Liaison’s Office: hingwesu@msu.edu | (517) 432-7527