



EQUITY ANALYSIS OF MASSACHUSETTS' AFFORDABILITY INITIATIVES

MASSGrant+ Expansion

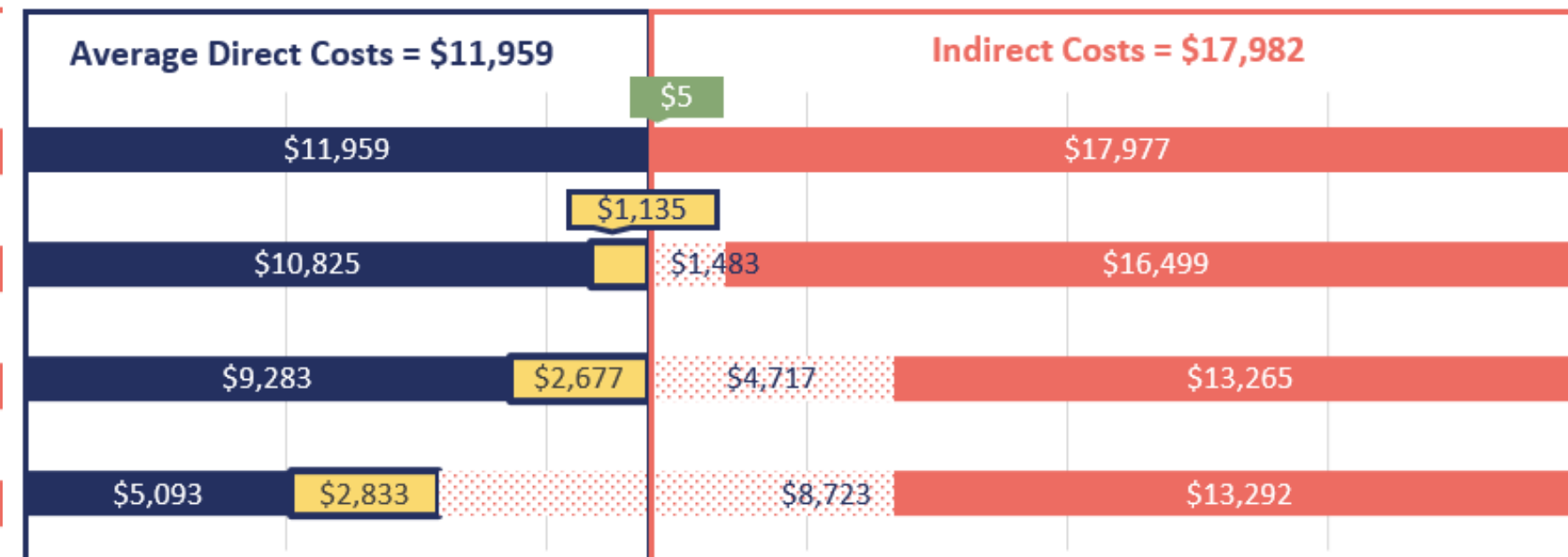
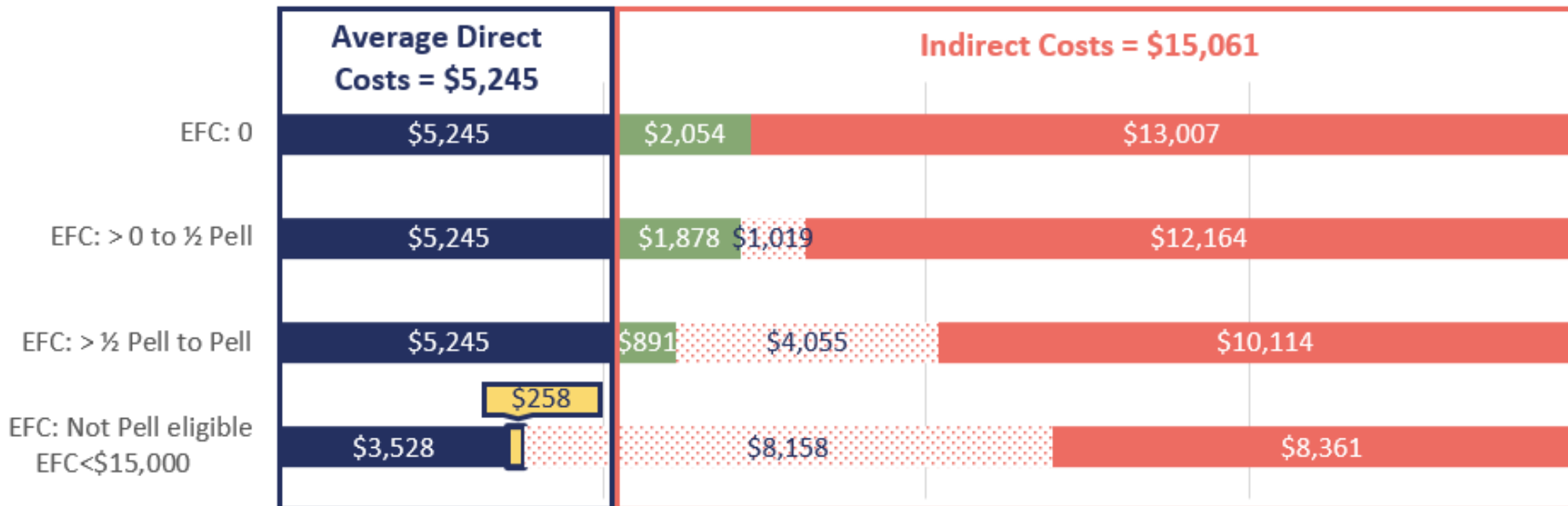
Students with the highest financial needs do not benefit from additional grants

Example: Berkshire Community College

Example: Bridgewater State University

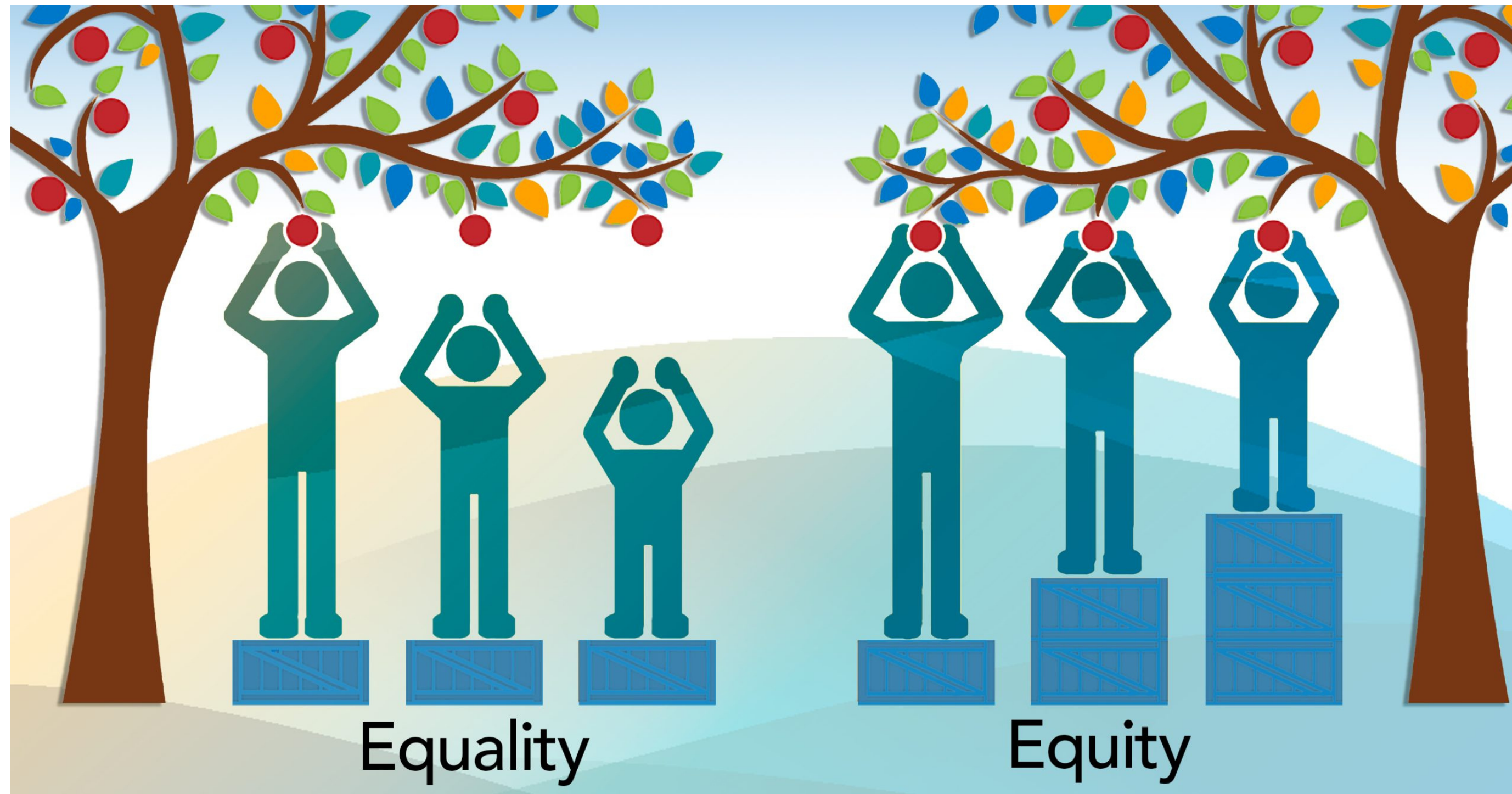
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From Equality to Equity

Proposed Free-Tuition Community College Proposal



**The state now has the opportunity to
deepen its commitment to equity over equality:**

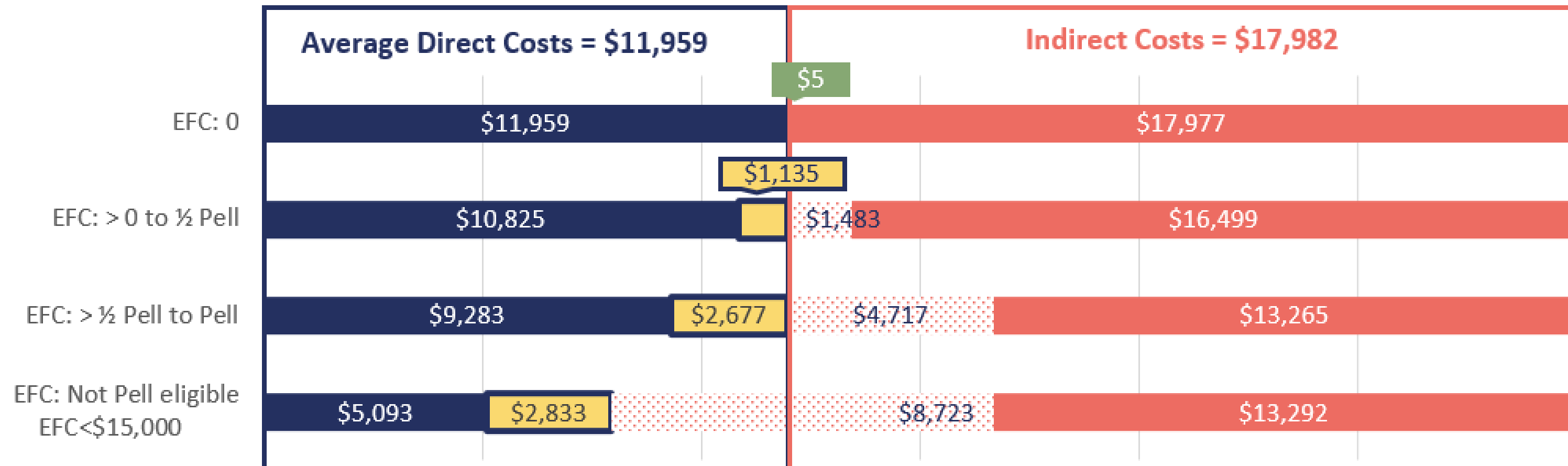
- **by consolidating its programs to provide one need-based grant that has a progressive allocation method that recognizes and addresses the varying levels of unmet financial need and the costs beyond tuition and fees**

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Last-Dollar Design Provides Equality not Equity

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Last-Dollar Design = Regressive Grant Allocation

