

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II Report, May 31, 2021

Section 314(d)(5) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) requires that an institution receiving funding under section 314(a)(1) provide the same amount of financial aid grants to students from the new CRRSAA funds that it was required or which it would have been required to provide under its original Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Student Aid Portion award.

Under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs, student portion funds must be used to provide financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education) which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. In making financial aid grants to students, an institution of higher education must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants.

In accordance with the Notice of Public Posting Requirement of Grant Information for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Grantees published on May 13, 2021, each HEERF participating institution must post the following information on the institution's primary website.

- 1) An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
 - a. Stockton University signed and returned the required Funding Certification and Agreement on April 11, 2020. The University will provide the same amount of financial aid grants to students from the new CRRSAA funds that it was required to provide under its original CARES Act Student Aid Portion award.
- 2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
 - a. Stockton University has received \$10,041,238 which has been reserved for the Stockton CARES Emergency Grant program. These funds will be provided to eligible students and may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care, or child care.
- 3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CRRSAA (a)(1) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

- a. As of May 31, 2021, Stockton has processed payments to students totaling \$5,000,000.
- 4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program.
- a. The total enrollment during the Spring 2021 semester is 9,251. Of those students, Stockton University estimates that at least 85% of the students meet the Secretary’s prescribed student eligibility criteria and are therefore eligible to receive these grants.
- 5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program.
- a. As of May 31, 2021, 5,098 students have received a payment of Stockton CARES Emergency Grant.
- 6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs.
- a. Stockton University has created the following methodology to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants:
 - o Enrolled student for the Spring 2021 semester
 - o Fully matriculated
 - o U.S citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - o Completed 2020-2021 FAFSA
 - o Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is less than or equal to 15,000
 - b. Stockton University used the following tiered approach using the EFC to determine how much they would receive under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs:

EFC	Financial Aid Grant Amount
0-3000	\$1,145
3001-6000	\$900
6001-10,000	\$700
10,001-15,000	\$500

- c. Students who are not eligible under the methodology above or need additional funding will be considered on a student-by-student basis that demonstrate a high level of financial need.

- 7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - a. The instructions and guidance provided to students are published on Stockton University's CARES page located at www.stockton.edu/CARES.
 - b. Students that were approved for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were sent an email notification from the Bursar's Office.