

Rowan College of South Jersey

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP) section (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs Fund Report

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) publishes an Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Electronic Announcement (EA) that describes the public reporting requirements for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP) section (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Under the CRRSAA and ARP (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 childcare. 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

For more information on the HEERF, please visit the Department's Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund page at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arp.html.

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 and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

On April 13, 2020, Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) returned and the Certification and Agreement form to participate in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The agreement allows the College to receive funding to provide emergency grants to student through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocation.

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 under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

The Department of Education determined that RCSJ is eligible for \$22,347,961.00 in total funding. Of that amount, \$11,296,248.00 is to be made available for emergency relief grants to students

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (*i.e.*, as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of today, \$11,162,250.00 has been distributed to students in the form of emergency relief checks.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

The college decided to make three issuances of payments to students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The college issues the payments to students in the following methods.

1. The college determined the Pell eligible students that were continuously enrolled from the start of the pandemic until 8/21/2021. There are a total of 4,920 students that met this qualification.
 2. The second payment is issued to Pell eligible students enrolled as of the College's census date in the Fall 2021 semester. There are a total of 2,413 students that met this qualification.
 3. The third payment is issued all non-Pell students enrolled as of the College's census date in the Fall 2021 semester. This group included both financial aid students as well as non-aid applicants. There are 4,386 students that met this qualification.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 1. The College issued Emergency Financial Aid Grants relief under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) to 9,882 unduplicated students
 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 and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 1. The college determined the first issuances of payments would be a flat award of \$500.00 to the students continuously enrolled in the pandemic. The flat payment would be issued to student to help offset their needs related to the Cost of Attendance during the pandemic.
 2. The college determined the second issuance of payments would be a flat award to all Pell eligible students. The amount of \$1,550.00 was issued to this group since the Frequently Asked Questions related to CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs state to make Pell eligible students a priority for awarding relief aid.
 3. The college determined the third issuance of payments would be a flat award to all of the students enrolled at the time of the College's fall 2021 census date. The remaining amount was divided evenly amount the remaining student body and allowed a total of \$1,150.00 to awarded to each non-Pell student.
 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

1. Student eligible for a CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program payment did not have to take any action or complete an additional application. The college issued flat payments to students automatically based on eligibility.