



Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting for HEERF II, and III Emergency Financial Aid Grants

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The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on Dec. 27, 2020. Harford Community College received \$1,171,832.00 to award directly to students.

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2). This new law makes available approximately \$39.6 billion for institutions of higher education under Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), with funding appropriated through existing programs previously authorized under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Specifically, Harford Community College has been granted \$4,544,403 to disburse to students.

Harford Community College signed the HEERF Certification and Agreement on April 10, 2020, and has continued to use these CRRSAA and ARP student grant funds for emergency financial aid to students, as outlined below.

As of the quarterly end date, June 30, 2021, Harford Community College reports the following activity related to the CRRSAA and ARP student grants.

	CRRSAA HEERF II	ARP HEERF III
(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).	\$1,028,000	\$3,253.00
(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.	2,310	6,942
(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.	2,056	1

Harford Community College used the following methodology to determine eligibility for the emergency student grants and provided the following direction and guidance to students.

CRRSAA - HEERF II

Students who submitted 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) Applicants and listed Harford Community College as their attending institution with a calculated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) who are enrolled in Spring 2021 for at least one credit are eligible for a block CRRSAA grant in the amount of \$500.

Students who do not meet the criteria for the automatic block awarding of the CRRSAA grant can complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov, listing the Harford Community College institution code, 002075. After submitting the FAFSA, students may apply for a \$500 grant using [the CRRSAA Student Grant Request Form](#).

Starting in May 2021, students who had enrolled in at least one Adult Basic Education course between July 2020 and April 2021, are eligible for a block-awarded CRRSAA grant once they complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA.

The Student Affairs division emailed all students eligible for a block award and all Adult Basic Education students who would be eligible for an award after completing the FAFSA to provide information and instructions. CRRSAA grant information was shared to all students through campus emails from the Vice President for Student Success, posted on our [COVID-19 Grant Funding Page](#), and [answers to frequently asked questions provided on our webpage](#) and within the student portal, OwlNet.

ARP - HEERF III

Students are eligible for ARP funding based on their student enrollment classification at Harford Community College.

Priority Group 1 – Beginning June 15, 2021: The first priority group of students eligible to apply for ARP funds must meet the following criteria:

- Any degree-seeking student who has taken a class with Harford Community College since March 13, 2020, is eligible for ARP funding. International, and undocumented students are included in the eligibility as well as new students who are enrolled in or just starting their first class(es) with the College after they become an established student (after the drop deadline for their first term of enrollment.)

Priority Group 2 – After students in Priority Group 1 have been invited to apply for ARP funds, students in Priority Group 2 will be eligible to apply for funding and will be notified via email. Students in Priority Group 2 must meet the following criteria:

- Any student who has taken a class with Harford Community College since March 13, 2020 who is classified as the following:
 - Non-credit students enrolled in these programs: Adult Basic Education, GED, and workforce certification

Using an average monthly cost calculated from HCC's cost of attendance and external data, students can indicate on the **ARP Request Form** the financial assistance they need. The total costs will be added together to determine the grant award per student. The maximum award per student is \$4,552. The



eligibility and awarding procedures are documented in a [procedure statement](#) which is shared on our [COVID-19 Grant Funding Page](#).

On June 30, 2021, all eligible students in priority group 1 received an email from the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management inviting submission of a request form. These students are scheduled to receive letters via US postal mail in early July 2021. Students in priority group 2 will receive a similar outreach.

ARP grant information was also shared to all students through campus emails from the Vice President for Student Success, posted on our [COVID-19 Grant Funding Page](#), our [ARP grant landing page](#), and [answers to frequently asked questions provided on the landing page](#).