

FIRST REPORT ON
CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSA)
EMERGENCY GRANTS TO STUDENTS

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)

June 12, 2021

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 which was, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020.

Institutions which received HEERF I Grant Funds under the CARES Act were not required to apply for the HEERF II Grant. Rather, “the terms, conditions, and requirements governing the institution’s use of these supplemental grant funds awarded pursuant to section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260) (supplemental award or grant) by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) are governed by section 314 of the CRRSAA and the terms and conditions of the ["Supplemental Agreement."](#)

Great Bay Community College (GBCC) received notification of HEERF II (CRRSA) Grant Funding on January 19, 2021 and acknowledges that the \$435,085 student portion must be used to make “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, fees, food, utilities, internet access, housing, technology health care (including mental health care) or child care”.

HOW MUCH IN EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS?

As of	Total Amount Disbursed	Total Number of Students
June 12, 2021	\$552,825	243

Note: As of June 12, 2021, GBCC had awarded the entire \$435,085 student HEERF II portion, plus \$106,860 from the institutional portion to students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS?

To be eligible for emergency financial aid grant funding, as section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act explains, students must:

- Be a US Citizen
- be a current or prior student (for GBCC: enrolled in the Spring Semester (1/19/21 – 5/8/21))

As of	Estimated Number of Eligible Students
March 1, 2021	1800

As students submit requested information to the College, more students may become eligible.

HOW DID GREAT BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS RECEIVED FUNDS?

For grant consideration, students were required to complete a simple application by logging into the Student Information System ([SIS](#)).

Students were notified to complete the application (via email, website information, staff reminders, etc.) and indicate categories (up to 8) of Coronavirus related financial impact.

Application categories:

1. Tuition, Fees, Books & Supplies
2. Child Care
3. Food
4. Health Care (including Mental Health)
5. Housing
6. Internet Access
7. Technology
8. Utilities

Students who selected the “Tuition & Fee” category were awarded an amount equal to \$215 per credit (full tuition rate, excluding fees). Selection of any of the other categories resulted in a \$250 per category award. No student was awarded more than the \$6345 Pell maximum for 2020/2021. Individual student awards ranged from \$250 to \$5,230.

HOW DID STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS?

Applicants were asked to select a payment option during completion of the application, and provided with these instructions:

Option 1: Apply to my student account to pay tuition, fees, books for any semester billed on my account. (For LRCC & NHTI students only - will also apply to room & board charges.) Excess funds after paying off any student account balances will be refunded via check (mailed to address on file) or direct deposit.

Option 2: Pay directly to me via check (mailed to address on file) or direct deposit. Do not apply to my student account. I understand that I am still responsible for paying the balance on my account.

If you are awarded HEERF financial assistance and have chosen the direct payment method, the fastest way to receive funds is through direct deposit (DD). If you have not previously set up DD, copy and paste the following link into a new window, and follow the instructions ["How to Sign up for Electronic Refunding."](#)