

**CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSA)
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".

Nashua Community College received notification of HEERF II (CRRSA) Grant Funding January 19, 2021 and acknowledges that the full amount of \$401,179 allocated for "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" was used for this purpose.

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

As of	Total Amount Disbursed	Total Number of Students
June 12, 2021	\$401,179.00	157

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS?

- Enrolled students for the spring semester (January 19, 2021-May 8, 2021)
- 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA) on file to confirm US Citizenship.

As of	Estimated Number of Eligible Students
March 16, 2021	1186

HOW WILL/DID NASHUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS RECEIVE FUNDS?

NCC followed CRRSAA requirements "that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students...students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants. In addition, the CRRSAA explicitly provides that financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education."

An initial application was made available which was later revised after clarification from the Department of Education regarding eligibility requirements. NCC notified students via email, Student Information System (SIS), and college website of availability of funds and application process. Recipients under the original application were awarded based on a scale of EFC, subsidized aid eligibility and enrollment in a range of \$400 to \$1,200. When application was updated, these students were invited to complete the new application and be awarded based on new criteria and awarding scale; this award range was \$75 to \$6,345. This awarding scale emphasized exceptional need and was based on number and type of selected categories and enrollment if tuition and fees were selected. No recipient under the original application who then completed the updated application received less than their original award.

HOW DID STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS?

Applicants were given the two options and instructions below:

"Select a payment option in the event you are awarded.

Option 1: Apply to my student account to pay tuition, fees, books for any semester(s) beginning after December 27, 2020; (For LRCC & NHTI students only - will also apply to room & board charges.)

Excess funds 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.

If you are awarded CRRSA financial assistance and have chosen the direct payment method, the fastest way to receive funds is through direct deposit; 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 <https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds/>."

If direct deposit was not set up, HEERF II funds were mailed to students at the permanent address on file at the College.