

# **United States Department of Education: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA/HEERF II) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Required Disclosure and Reporting**

## **As of: March 31, 2021 (Interim Report)**

***Requirement: 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.***

The College of New Jersey has signed and returned the certification and agreement to the Department of Education. The College will use the designated funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

***Requirement: 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 total funding provided to The College of New Jersey for CRRSAA emergency financial aid grants to students: \$2,514,066.

***Requirement: 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).***

\$1,514,400 of CRRSAA was distributed to students as of March 31, 2021.

***Requirement: 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.***

Estimated number of students eligible to participate: 1,272

***Requirement: 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.***

1,262 students received a CRRSAA emergency financial aid grant as of March 31, 2021.

***Requirement: 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.***

HEERF II Grant amounts were fixed and awarded as \$1,200 dollar block grants to each eligible student. The rationale in using this block grant modality was based on the guidance received by FSA that students should have “exceptional need” when considering them for funding. The College and the HEERF II Committee decided that Pell grant and/or NJ State Tuition Aid Grant eligible students are students who have exceptional need and therefore a block grant would be the most equitable way of distributing the funds.

***Requirement: Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.***

The College of New Jersey has communicated to students through emails the eligibility criteria used, award amounts given and timeline for distribution of funds. We have also updated our CARES Act website (<https://financialaid.tcnj.edu/caresact/>) with the latest information available on HEERF II eligibility and included information on the Special Circumstance process at TCNJ for reevaluations of the FAFSA income reported based on job loss, decreases in income, etc.