

South Carolina State University CRRSAA Grant

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

South Carolina State University acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

CARES Act Funding

South Carolina State University received the following funding for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

On December 27, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), which provided South Carolina State University with \$2,031,044 in funding for emergency financial aid grants. (This is in addition to the CARES Act Grants disbursed in June 2020.) We disbursed the funds in three tiers: we awarded \$1,000 to Federal Pell Grant recipients; \$750 to students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) less than 10,000; and \$500 to students with any gross financial need as demonstrated by a valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In the initial disbursement on April 13, 2021, we awarded \$1,821,250 to 1,384 students. As of March 31, 2022, we awarded \$2,031,044 to 1,651 students.

Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

CARES Act Funding	Total Disbursements to Date
South Carolina State University	\$2,031,044

Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants - Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act

CARES Act Funding	Total # of Students Receiving Aid
South Carolina State University	1,651

Students were notified by the following emails:

March 26, 2021

Dear Students:

South Carolina State University has received Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA): Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) funding to provide cash support to students who are enrolled in college during the spring semester of 2021.

Here are some key points about this funding:

- *Students DO NOT need to apply for the funds, the funds will be distributed to all Title IV eligible students.*
- *These funds will be provided as a refund to be used for students highest and greatest need.*
- *The most efficient way for students to receive these funds is to set up a direct deposit. **If students have not already set-up direct deposit, please sign in to Bulldog Connection to complete this process.***
- *If students do not have direct deposit, the funds will be sent to them in the form of a check that will be mailed via USPS. **If you have not already done so, please sign into Bulldog Connection and verify your mailing address.** Please note, this may take several days for processing.*

*This year's CARES funds can be applied to students' balances due at the College, **with their permission.** If students would like to apply these funds to their existing balance, please click the link [here](https://www.scsu.edu/files/HEERF_II_Authorization_Form.pdf) **https://www.scsu.edu/files/HEERF_II_Authorization_Form.pdf**, **complete the authorization form and return it to Treasurer@scsu.edu.** If students are choosing this option, please do so **before 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.***

No action is needed if you do not want the funds applied to your account balance.

Funds should be posted to your student account during the week of March 29th, and refunds should be released the week of April 5th.

It's our hope that these resources provide needed and beneficial support to our students during this difficult time. If students have questions about the disbursement of these funds, please contact

the Office of the Treasurer at Treasurer@scsu.edu. We hope this grant will ease the financial strain caused by the pandemic. Good luck on your exams and final projects."

Methodology for Emergency Financial Aid Grants Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act

Financial Aid Plans for Emergency Aid Distribution:

- Award \$1,000 to each Spring 2020 Pell Grant Recipient currently enrolled full-time, prorated for those enroll less than full-time.
- Award \$750 to each Spring 2020 non-Pell eligible student with an EFC ranging from 5,570 to 10,000 enrolled full-time, prorated for those enrolled less than full time.
- Award \$500 to each remaining Title IV eligible student currently enrolled for Spring 2020.
- Excludes fluid populations such as visiting transient students, non-degree-seeking students enrolled for less than half-time during Spring 2020. Also excludes students enrolled in 100% online, international and undocumented students per the CARES Act guidance.
- Awards will be made to students via the already-established aid awarding process. These awards will be refunded regardless of any balance on the students' account, per statute. Refunds will be sent via direct deposit or paper check, depending upon the student's already-chosen method.

South Carolina State University ARPA Grant

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On March 11, 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provided South Carolina State University with \$5,850,989 in funding for emergency financial aid grants. (This is in addition to the CARES Act Grants disbursed in June 2020 and the CRRSAA Grants disbursed in April 2021.) We disbursed the funds in three tiers: \$2,000 to full-time enrolled Federal Pell Grant recipients and \$1,000 to part-time enrolled Federal Pell Grant recipients; \$1,000 to full-time enrolled students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) up to 15,000 and \$500 to part-time enrolled students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) up to 15,000; and \$500 to all other Title IV eligible students. As of March 31, 2022, we awarded \$2,632,242 to 1,484 students. A second disbursement is planned for later in spring 2022.

Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

CARES Act Funding	Total Disbursements to Date
South Carolina State University	\$2,632,242

CARES Act Funding	Total # of Students Receiving Aid
South Carolina State University	1,484

Students were informed by the email below:

Jan. 4, 2022

SC State issues emergency relief grants to students

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – *To fulfill the Department of Education’s guidance around the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) in the American Rescue Plan, South Carolina State University has issued emergency relief fund grants to students in three tiers, prioritizing students with exceptional need.*

To be eligible for any of the three tiers, students had to:

- *Have a 2021-22 FAFSA on file.*
- *Be Title IV federal financial aid eligible.*
- *Be enrolled in a Fall 2021 on-campus undergraduate program*

at least part time.

The dollar amount awarded was based on a student's status for Fall 2021:

- *Tier I \$2,000 – Full-time enrolled Pell grant recipient.*
- *Tier I \$1,000 – Part-time enrolled Pell grant recipient.*
- *Tier II \$1,000 – Full-time enrolled non-Pell eligible with an EFC of \$15,000 or less.*
- *Tier II \$500 – Part-time enrolled non-Pell eligible with an EFC of \$15,000 or less.*
- *Tier III \$500 – All other Title IV eligible undergraduate students.*

Funds were distributed to students by mailed check or direct deposit as of Dec. 23, 2021.

Students who did not complete Title IV requirements, including verification, as of Dec. 6, 2021, will be evaluated for eligibility once they have completed all necessary requirements.

For more information, contact Tangar Young, SC State director of Financial Aid at 803-533-3712 or tyoung15@scsu.edu.