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CRRSAA (HEERF II) Student Aid Reporting 6/30/21

In December 2020 the federal government passed the [Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act \(CRRSAA\)](#). The CRRSAA funds (HEERF II) extend the intent of the HEERF I, Coronavirus Aid, Recovery and Economic Security (CARES Act), which was distributed to students in May 2020. The CRRSAA funds, distributed in April 2021 prioritize those students experiencing the greatest financial hardships due to the impacts of COVID-19.

The \$859,434 CRRSAA Award received in April 2021 was fully distributed as \$800 grants to 586 Pell-eligible students, and Emergency Grant Requests. We will continue to offer need-based grants, using an application process, through the Summer and Fall of 2021.

Reporting Period	Grant Award	Pell-eligible students	Amount Distributed
06/30/2021	\$859,434	586	\$859,434

- See the FAQ below to determine if you are eligible for an automatic grant, what the amount will be and how to access it
- [Set up direct-deposit or disbursement instructions in BankMobile](#) to receive funding
- Students experiencing pandemic-related financial hardships may also apply for assistance grants | Contact a Counselor counseling@inverhills.edu
- Eligible expenses include a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health), and childcare
- Recipients are not required to but may voluntarily elect to apply a portion of any CRRSAA award towards tuition or to pay off past due balances. Please contact the Business Office <mailto:ihccbkmobile@inverhills.edu> for additional assistance.

CRRSAA Financial Assistance Funding FAQ

[What is CRRSAA?](#)

Across the nation, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) or CRRSAA authorized \$23 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$14 billion provided last spring through the HEERF I or Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The primary goal is to assist those students experiencing the greatest financial need as a result of public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The act contained provisions specifically intended to provide relief for higher education institutions and their students.

[What is the Impact to Our Students?](#)

The federal guidance for HEERF I (**CARES Act**) required distribution of at least half of those funds directly to students and to use the remainder to invest in adapting to safer modified instructional delivery and operations. HEERF II (**CRRSAA**) follows the same intent, but requires prioritization to students experiencing exceptional financial need.

- In the past 11 months of the pandemic, IHCC has distributed more than **\$1,525,034** in direct student aid, in the form of automated deposits and Emergency Financial Assistance Grants.
- In May 2020, IHCC used CARES Act funds to distribute \$150 to all qualifying Spring 2020 registered students, and an additional \$350 to Pell-eligible students, to assist with financial needs due to the impact of COVID-19. Since the initial **\$585,066** distribution, IHCC has awarded an additional **\$275,000** in requested Emergency Financial Assistance Grants to students continuing to face financial hardships due to the pandemic.
- In April 2021, following federal guidance to “expand support for students with the most significant financial need arising from the pandemic”, IHCC identified current Pell-eligible students to receive a direct disbursement to their accounts. BankMobile is the only way the college can disburse to students, and those that have setup direct-deposit or disbursement instructions in BankMobile should already have access to these funds at this time.
- Federal guidance requires IHCC to distribute HEERF II funds at least at the same amount as was distributed in CARES Act (HEERF I). We will exceed this requirement, having already distributed **\$665,600** in the first week of April 2021.
- Unlike CARES, online students are now also eligible to receive grants under CRRSAA.
- Going forward, any student that can demonstrate exceptional need and is facing financial barriers due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for an Emergency Financial Assistance Grant request .

[How much will eligible IHCC students receive?](#)

- In the first week in April 2021, following the federal guidance, IHCC used CRRSAA funds to distribute \$800 to Pell-eligible students.
- Emergency Financial Assistance Grants are also available now and through Summer/Fall 2021.
- The Emergency Financial Assistance Grant application can be found here [_](#)
- Recipients are not required to but may voluntarily elect to apply a portion of their CRRSAA funds towards tuition or to pay off past due balances. Please contact the Business Office <mailto:ihccbkmobile@inverhills.edu> for additional assistance.

[How are institutions awarding CRRSAA Funds?](#)

In addition to the direct student aid funds distributed to Pell-eligible students in the first week of April 2021, Emergency Financial Assistance Grants are available to students and may be used for any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the pandemic, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. Priority will be given to students with exceptional need.

- Any student with exceptional need and facing financial barriers due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic can click and complete the Emergency Financial Assistance Grant form or contact counseling@inverhills.edu for additional assistance.
- With the student's signed permission, Pell-eligible or students qualifying for Emergency Financial Assistance Grants may also request for assistance paying off outstanding balances originating from the Spring 2020 term forward, so long as they had been enrolled as of March 13, 2020, when the US President declared a national pandemic. Contact the Business Office for more information at <mailto:ihccbkmobile@inverhills.edu>

[What eligible expenses are included under CRRSAA?](#)

CRRSAA expands the current guidelines which includes the expenses of a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare, and added mental healthcare to the qualifying categories.

We are required to categorize the types of expenses being requested by students. Refer to the Emergency Financial Assistance Grant form.

[What students are not eligible to receive funding under CRRSAA?](#)

The only students **not** eligible are those being assessed senior citizen tuition rates or those enrolled in non-credit or those incarcerated or those whose full tuition is covered by an employer.

[How will CRRSAA funds be distributed to eligible students?](#)

- Pell-eligible students have already received their awards.
- Any student can request an Emergency Financial Assistance Grant. This is an automated form that students complete to facilitate a review process to ensure compliance with the guidelines.
- All CRRSAA funds will be deposited into student accounts. BankMobile is the established service for the college to disburse funds to students.
- You do not need to establish a bank account with BankMobile.
- You do need to setup direct-deposit or disbursement instructions with BankMobile to enable them to transfer funds to your designated bank automatically or make a disbursement to you.
- [Click here to access instructions to set up the BankMobile service.](#)
- CRRSAA disbursements to students will be processed through financial aid awards.

[Are additional Emergency Grants available?](#)

The remaining CRRSAA amounts for IHCC will be disbursed as emergency grants through the existing emergency application process. Students can click and complete the Emergency Financial Assistance Grant form or contact a Counselor counseling@inverhills.edu for additional assistance.

[What about student outstanding account charges incurred during the pandemic?](#)

CRRSAA allows, with the student's signed permission, to use financial assistance grants to satisfy outstanding account charges that were posted to the student's account beginning the Spring 2020 term,

so long as the student was enrolled as of March 13, 2020, when the US President declared a national pandemic. There is no condition or requirement to use CRRSAA funds to pay off outstanding balances originating from the Spring 2020 term forward, therefore, students must sign a written consent form indicating they voluntarily want to use CRRSAA funds for this purpose.

Federal guidelines require us to prioritize students with exceptional need. Pell-eligible and those qualifying for Emergency Financial Assistance Grants may contact the Business Office <mailto:ihccbkmobile@inverhills.edu> for additional assistance.

[Who can I contact if I have questions?](#)

Students with questions related to the Emergency Financial Assistance Grant form may contact a Counselor at counseling@inverhills.edu for additional assistance.

Students with questions on the BankMobile setup or obtaining assistance with account balances can contact the IHCC Business Office at <mailto:ihccbkmobile@inverhills.edu>.