

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II and III Reporting

### CRRSAA (HEERF II) and ARP (HEERF III) Acts

#### Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Reporting Requirements: Initial HEERF II reporting was completed on June 10, 2021. DSU has exhausted all funds received under HEERF II funding, as of April 13, 2021. DSU has made a disbursement of a portion of HEERF III funds for the 2021 summer semester. HEERF I funds were exhausted on September 25, 2020, see HEERF I reporting for details.

DSU has exhausted all HEERF Funding on October 25, 2021. Therefore, there will not be any additional updates on HEERF funding.

**1.** Dickinson State University (DSU) originally signed and returned the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act on April 17, 2020. HEERF II and III funds were automatic grant awards with the HEERF I agreement. Drawdown of funds is considered acceptance of the grant. DSU intends to provide the full mandated amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under all Acts.

**2.** The CRRSAA was signed into law on December 27, 2020. DSU has been allocated \$320,047 under the student grant portion. DSU received authorization of this funding on January 17, 2021. The CRRSAA funds were received on April 14, 2021.

The ARP Act was signed into law on March 11, 2021. DSU received authorization of the HEERF III funding on May 17, 2021 and has been allocated \$1,079,161 in student grants. The ARP funds have been disbursed in full as of October 25, 2021.

The total amount of student emergency grant funding received from HEERF I, II, and III is \$1,994,447.

**3.** Under the CRRSAA, \$594,400 has been distributed to students on April 13, 2021. This included the full portion of the CRRSAA student grant (\$302,047) and a transfer of institutional HEERF funds (\$274,353) to the student grant portion.

Initial ARP funding was disbursed to students attending the 2021 summer semester. \$156,00 was disbursed to 171 students.

The remaining ARP funding was disbursed in the fall 2021 semester. \$923,400 was disbursed to 621 students this quarter. The \$923,400 included a \$839 transfer of institutional funding to reach an even dollar amount. \$923,400 was the total amount disbursed for this quarter.

The total amount of all HEERF I, II, and III funds disbursed is \$1,994,447.

**4.** It has been estimated that 1,282 students may have met the eligibility requirements for the CRRSAA funding.

402 students met the eligibility requirements for the ARP summer funding.

It is estimated that 1,441 students may have met the eligibility requirements for the ARP fall funding.

**5.** Under the CRRSAA, the total number of students who received an emergency student grant is 503.

\$923,400 of ARP funding was disbursed to 662 unduplicated students in the 2021 summer and fall semester. 621 students received ARP funding this quarter.

A total of 981 unduplicated students have received any type of HEERF funding.

## 6. Distribution of funds, ARP (fall):

If eligible and approved, ARP funding is disbursed directly to students via direct deposit, if enrolled, or via check mailed to the student's address listed in Campus Connection if not enrolled in direct deposit. DSU must disburse ARP grants directly to students and may only apply the grant toward an outstanding institutional charge with the student's consent.

The ARP requires that DSU prioritizes students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants. To prioritize students with exceptional need, DSU automatically awarded ARP grants to students who have a Pell-eligible EFC. All undergraduate students, enrolled in the 2021 fall semester, with an EFC of less than 5,847 qualified for an automatic grant. Students who have a Pell-eligible EFC were awarded a grant of \$1,700.

Students who do not have a Pell-eligible EFC, including graduate students, were required to submit a hardship application in order to receive ARP funding. The application was open October 1-17, 2021 on the students' Blackboard account. Students who submitted a complete and accurate application were awarded a grant of \$1,250.

**Early Entry/Dual Credit Students:** In order to prioritize students with exceptional need, DSU automatically awarded ARP grants to DSU Early Entry/Dual Credit students who applied for and received tuition assistance from the Bank of North Dakota (BND) for being eligible for free or reduced lunch. No action was required if the student received tuition assistance from the BND in the fall 2021 semester. These students were awarded a grant of \$1,700.

Early Entry/Dual Credit students who did not receive BND tuition assistance, and had emergency expenses due to the coronavirus, may submit the ARP Hardship Application. A hardship application must be fully completed by the student and submitted to the Office of Financial Aid by October 17, 2021. Students who submitted a complete and accurate application were eligible for a grant of \$1,250.

## 7. Instructions, directions, and guidance provided to students by DSU for the ARP Funding this quarter:

DSU Students,

Do you have expenses due to the coronavirus pandemic? Apply for grant relief funds today!

DSU has been given American Rescue Plan (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding to help you cover part of the cost of attendance and emergency costs associated with the coronavirus pandemic such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

To be eligible to receive this funding, you must be enrolled in at least one credit hour during the fall 2021 semester. All enrolled students could be eligible including international, distance education and non-degree students.

DSU will automatically award ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding to DSU students who received a Pell Grant or had a Pell-eligible Expected Family Contribution from FAFSA, during the fall 2021 semester. If you are Pell-eligible, you don't have to do anything. *To check Pell eligibility, you should log in to your Campus Connection account and view your fall 2021 financial aid awards.*

If you are not eligible for Pell Grants, you may submit the **ARP Hardship Application**. This online application will be available October 1-17 for students who are not Pell-eligible and have emergency costs due to coronavirus.

To access the application, log in to your [DSU Blackboard account](#), click the "My DSU" tab, and go to the Blue Hawk Hub, where you will find further instructions. *Students who received a Pell Grant in the fall 2021 semester do not need to submit this application.*

As the grant draws on a limited pool of funds, DSU cannot guarantee the availability of funds for assistance.

**Applications must be received by October 17, 2021.**

**Emergency grants will be processed and disbursed to students' accounts on October 25.**

For questions or clarification, please contact DSU's Office of Financial Aid:

- Phone: 701-483-2371
- Text: 701-561-0904
- Email: [dsu.financialaid@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:dsu.financialaid@dickinsonstate.edu)

Thank you,

DSU Early Entry and Dual Credit Students,

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To be eligible to receive this funding, you must be enrolled in at least one credit hour at Dickinson State University, during the fall 2021 semester.

In order to prioritize students with exceptional need, DSU will automatically award ARP Emergency Relief Grant funding to DSU Early Entry/Dual Credit students who applied for and received tuition assistance from the Bank of North Dakota (BND) for being eligible for free or reduced lunch. No action will be required if the student has already received tuition assistance from the BND in the fall 2021 semester.

Students who did not receive BND tuition assistance, and have emergency expenses due to the coronavirus, may submit the attached **ARP Hardship Application**. This application must be fully completed and signed by the student and submitted to [christopher.meek@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:christopher.meek@dickinsonstate.edu), or can be dropped off at the DSU Office of Financial Aid, May Hall Room 111 by October 17, 2021.

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