



Clarkson University
CRRSA Act (HEERF II) 30-Day Report
June 11, 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, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. Institutions that previously were awarded CARES ACT funding were automatically awarded aid under CRRSAA. Drawdown of the available funding within G5 was an indication of acceptance of the award.

CRRSAA requires that an institution receiving funding under section 314(a)(1) provide the "same amount" in financial aid grants to students from the new CRRSAA funds that it was required or which it would have been required to provide under its original CARES Act Student Aid Portion award. The student portion of the CARES Act funding was \$1,295,354.

As of June 11, 2021, Clarkson distributed the entire grant amount of \$1,295,354 to 2,691 students for emergency relief. Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with *exceptional need*, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, 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.

At Clarkson, we chose to take a multi-tiered approach for eligibility and distribution :

1. Tier 1: \$93,674 was allotted to the Dean of Students for disbursement to students who had approached the Student Success Center requesting additional assistance with COVID financial needs. The students completed a form providing receipts or backup documentation for the amount they were requesting. A committee reviewed all these types of requests and determined who and how much was to be distributed to each student. The amount per student varied depending upon the documented need.
2. Tier 2: Undergraduate Pell grant recipients in the Spring 2021 were to receive \$670 each.
3. Tier 3: Graduate students who had federal loans and had an expected family contribution (EFC) less than cost of attendance (COA) were to receive \$670 each.
4. Tier 4: Remaining students were sent an activity guide within the PeopleSoft Student Financials system to indicate if they had expenses related to COVID. This pool of students each received \$340.

All student portion of the grant funds have been fully disbursed and as such this will be the final quarterly reporting regarding HEERF II funds.

Recipients in Tier 2 and 3 received the following sample email:

Dear XXX,

Good things are happening! The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into federal law on December 27, 2020 provided funds for Clarkson to distribute directly to eligible students. We are pleased to notify you that you will receive a check (if you do not have direct deposit information on file) for \$670. These funds are intended to assist with expenses related to the COVID pandemic and/or your costs associated with attending Clarkson this year.

At this time, the University is still waiting for receipt of the funds, but plans to process these payments within 15 days of receipt, and will mail them out the same day.

If no direct deposit information is on file, your check will be sent to this address:

Address Line 1
City, State Zip Code

Sincerely,

Student Administrative Services

Potential recipients for Tier 4 received the following sample email:

As was previously announced, the University has been granted funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

To determine if you qualify for a COVID Relief (CRRSAA) payment, please complete the one question Activity Guide in myCU prior to 4/10/21. The Activity Guide should auto-pop-up upon your login in myCU, but if it doesn't, then it can be found on your Tasks & Holds Tile.

Please respond to this email if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you and stay safe,

STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Below is an activity guide response that illustrates the question that each student was asked:

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Details

Institution CLKSN Clarkson University

ID ██████████ [Attachments \(0\)](#)

Last Name ██████████ **First Name** Christopher

Task Title COVID19 related funding for students

Task Status Completed

Instance ID CRRSAALLL189111

Item ID CRRSAAAGRI2_CRRSAALLL189111

Agreement Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations

Acceptance Date 04/08/2021 **Acceptance Status**

Agreement Text

Have you incurred any expenses or financial losses related to COVID19?

IP Address 107.15.239.231

Last Updated By ██████████ ██████████

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