



# 2021 Fourth Quarter Student Portion Report

*October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021*

## Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief: HEERF I (CARES), HEERF II (CRRSAA), and HEERF III (ARP)

Coastal Carolina Community College signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education offering assurance that the college intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (i.e., CARES) Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The College was awarded \$1,685,676 for the CARES Student Portion. The total amount of funds that the College received pursuant to the Certification and Agreement is \$3,371,351. An additional Grant Award Notification for Higher Education Emergency Relief funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (i.e., CRRSAA) was issued to the College, and the College was awarded \$1,685,676 for the CRRSAA Student Portion. The total amount of funds that the College received for CRRSAA was \$6,284,036.

The College received a subsequent American Rescue Plan Act (i.e., ARP) Grant Award Notification from the U.S. Department of Education. The College was awarded \$5,367,920 for the ARP Student Portion. The total amount of funds that the College received for ARP was \$10,446,523.

Cumulatively, the College was awarded \$8,739,272 in Student Portion funds and \$11,362,638 in Institutional Portion funds, totaling \$20,101,910. The College agreed to abide by all rules and regulations outlined by the U.S. Department of Education when distributing emergency financial aid grants.

# Status of the Distribution of Student Portion Funds

As of December 31, 2021, Coastal Carolina Community College distributed:

CARES: Quarterly: \$0 awarded to 0 students.  
Cumulative: \$1,685,676.00 awarded to 1,852 students.

CRSSAA: Quarterly: \$308,802.00 to 308 students.  
Cumulative: \$1,685,676.00 to 3,274 students.

ARP: Quarterly: \$1,496,711.97 to 3,613 students.  
Cumulative: \$1,496,711.97 to 3,613 students.

Overall, \$4,868,063.97 in HEERF Student Portion funds has been distributed to 8,739 students.

## Eligibility

Approximately 6,328 students were eligible during the reporting period. 3,921 students received emergency relief funds. The College established award criteria that prioritized students with exceptional need, in accordance with U.S. Department of Education guidelines.

The following was made available to students for information purposes regarding eligibility:

- Students are no longer required to be eligible for Title IV student financial aid. Non-degree seeking, non-credit, Dual Enrollment, and Continuing Education students are eligible for financial awards.
- Students who have a demonstrated exceptional financial need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances (e.g., the loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity).
- Students, to include, but not limited to, international, permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, DREAMers, or similar undocumented students; however, the U.S. Department of Education encourages institutions to prioritize domestic students.
- Students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education on or after the date of the declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus (March 13, 2020) are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from the HEERF, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA or are eligible for Title IV student financial aid. A completed FAFSA is not required for financial award consideration, and *the institution will only use information, such as a completed FAFSA, if available, in an effort to identify and prioritize students with exceptional need.*

Further information about what constituted exceptional need was defined:

- Exceptional need may include, but is not limited to, federal or state need-based aid or significant unexpected expenses, such as the loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity. To be connected to not only College but also community support resources and services, contact Mr. Chris Sabin, CARES Coordinator, at [sabinc@coastalcarolina.edu](mailto:sabinc@coastalcarolina.edu) or (910) 938-6332.
- Contact the College’s Financial Aid Department at (910) 938-6332 to request a Special Circumstances Review. A Special Circumstances Review does not guarantee additional financial support, but it does allow Financial Aid Department staff to consider any loss of wages or out of pocket expenses you or your family incurred in order to determine if you are eligible for additional financial aid.

## Methodology

Coastal Carolina Community College prioritized students with demonstrated exceptional need, and the following information was published on *Coastal Carolina Community College’s Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds* website:

### Maximum Award Amount

The maximum total award for all expenses is dependent upon your demonstrated exceptional need at time of application less any prior award during the eligibility period. All requests are subject to review and approval contingent on available funding. Appeals will not be accepted with regard to either eligibility or award amount.

See the tables below for maximum award amounts, which are determined by your enrollment status and demonstrated exceptional need based upon available information and/or attestation.

### Exceptional Need Financial Award Amounts

Exceptional Need Financial Need Awards are determined by several factors, to include, but not limited to, your estimated family contribution (EFC), as provided on your FAFSA, if available. According to the U.S. Department of Education, in order to be eligible for Pell Grants, a student must have an EFC equal to or less than \$5,846\*\*.

The institution is prioritizing students who demonstrate exceptional financial need, and a completed FAFSA is not required for financial award consideration.

<b>Degree-Seeking or Dual Enrollment Students*</b>	<b>Enrollment Status: Semester Hours</b>	<b>Financial Aid Disbursement</b>	<b>Financial Award Maximum with Exceptional Need</b>
Full-Time or More	12+ Hours	\$1,000	\$1,200
Half-Time or More	6 – 11 Hours	\$800	\$1,000
Less than Half-Time	1 – 5 Hours	\$600	\$800

<b>Workforce Continuing Education or Non-Degree Seeking Students*</b>	<b>Enrollment Status: One Course Equaling</b>	<b>Financial Award Disbursement</b>	<b>Financial Award Maximum with Exceptional Need</b>
Full-Time or More	240+ Hours	\$1,000	\$1,200
Half-Time or More	239 – 121 Hours	\$800	\$1,000
Less than Half-Time***	120 – 96 Hours	\$600	\$800
Ineligible****	95 or Less Hours	–	–

### Financial Award Amounts

Financial award disbursement amounts for students whose EFC is equal to or greater than \$5,847\*\*, as documented on their FAFSA, if available, as well as students who the College is unable to determine demonstrated exceptional financial need.

The institution is prioritizing students who demonstrate exceptional financial need, and a completed FAFSA is not required for financial award consideration.

<b>Degree-Seeking or Dual Enrollment Students*</b>	<b>Enrollment Status: Semester Hours</b>	<b>Financial Aid Disbursement</b>
Full-Time or More	12+ Hours	\$300
Half-Time or More	6 – 11 Hours	\$200
Less than Half-Time	1 – 5 Hours	\$100

<b>Workforce Continuing Education or Non-Degree Seeking Students*</b>	<b>Enrollment Status: One Course Equaling</b>	<b>Financial Aid Disbursement</b>
Full-time or More	240+ Hours	\$300
Half-Time or More	239 – 121 Hours	\$200
Less than Half-Time***	120 – 96 Hours	\$100
Ineligible****	95 or Less Hours	–

Students who request a Special Circumstances Review, or provide information consistent with qualifying situations that may be considered under a Special Circumstances Review (e.g., students who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses, such as the loss of employment), may be eligible for financial award reclassification. Contact the College’s Financial Aid Department at (910) 938-6332 to request a Special Circumstances Review. To be connected to not only College but also community support resources and services, contact Mr. Chris Sabin, CARES Coordinator, at [sabinc@coastalcarolina.edu](mailto:sabinc@coastalcarolina.edu) or (910) 938-6332.

\* 34 CFR 600.2 and 34 CFR 668 define what constitutes a Degree and Non-Degree Student. In addition, the enrollment status for students who are enrolled in Nursing Aid I and Nursing Aid II, Basic Welding and Pipe Welding, as well as Medical Terminology and Medical

Coding and/or Medical Terminology and Medical Billing within Continuing Education will be considered full-time or more (i.e., 240 or more hours); however, the first disbursement will not exceed, based upon demonstrated exceptional financial need, either \$500.00 once enrollment has been verified by the course census date (10% point). The second disbursement will not exceed, based upon demonstrated exceptional financial need, \$500.00 once subsequent enrollment in the next program sequence has been verified by the course census date (10% point). If a student has already completed the first sequence and has not received a prior financial award, he or she will be eligible, upon CARES Committee approval, for, based upon demonstrated financial need, \$1,000.00. All other U.S. Department of Education rules and guidelines, in conjunction with enrollment verification by the course census date (10% point), are required.

\*\* The established EFC for Pell Grant eligibility is subject to change by the U.S. Department of Education, and the College reserves the right to modify any eligibility guidelines, rules, or processes for financial award distribution at any time without prior notification.

\*\*\* Students enrolled in Adult and Basic Education and/or other College and Career Readiness programs are included in this category for disbursement purposes and may complete an Exceptional Need Financial Aid Award Application.

\*\*\*\* All students who do not receive a financial award disbursement are eligible to complete an Exceptional Need Financial Aid Award Application. The financial award maximum during any eligibility period for students in this category who apply is no more than \$100.

## Note

If the institution was unable to determine demonstrated exceptional need at the time of an award distribution, students were able to complete an Exceptional Need Financial Aid Award Application for financial award reclassification. This application process enabled the institution to accept a student's attestation of exceptional need, based upon a brief application, that also encouraged students to complete a Special Circumstances Review, if applicable, and be connected to student support services and resources.

## Student Communication

Instructions, directions, and guidance to students about eligibility – as well as the application and award distribution process for HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III – were published on *Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds* website. A point of contact was also provided to students who possessed questions specifically about eligibility or the award distribution process.

Students who were identified by the institution or determined by a student-initiated application as eligible – based upon information available to the institution, in accordance with available U.S. Department of Education guidelines – were awarded funds and sent an e-mail.

A sample e-mail – to include, but not limited to, imbedded links to information about CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP eligibility and award distribution information – sent to students is below:

Greetings,

As our nation continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College remains committed to your success and the recovery efforts within our community. Consequently, the College is issuing a financial award to eligible students, in accordance with Federal Government guidelines. Our records indicate you are eligible to receive emergency relief funds. Please visit [Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds](#) website for more information about these funds.

You will receive this financial award by electronic deposit via Bank Mobile (if you have an active account), direct deposit (if you have an account on file), or a check through the U.S. Postal Service. Carefully review [Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds](#) website to learn more about the process, including, but not limited to, the timeline for the distribution of funds.

The faculty, staff, and I encourage you to engage with those student support services personnel and/or resources to assist with your educational goals. For more information about community resources or how to connect with student support services, please visit the College's [Community Resources Page](#) or contact [Student Services](#).

It is our sincere hope these funds may be of assistance as you pursue and accomplish your educational goals.

Sincerely,

*David L. Heatherly*

President

Coastal Carolina Community College