

December 31, 2021 **Final Report** - revised after initial posting. Change date 4/5/2022.

Austin College CRRSSA and ARP HEERF Student Aid Reporting Information (Updated December 31, 2021)

Award No. P425E204096

Introduction

This document is to serve as the public reporting requirement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP) section (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs, student portion funds must be used to provide financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education) which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. In making financial aid grants to students, an institution of higher education must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants.

Acknowledgement of Funding and Certification

Austin College acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Award

Austin College received a total of \$2,348,164 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Funds Awarded to Date

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of December 31, 2021 is \$167,361.

Student Eligibility

The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is 1,228.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is 61.

Methods Used to Determine Student Eligibility and Emergency Financial Aid Grant Amounts

For CRRSAA funds: all CRRSAA funds were distributed in the previous quarter. See public report dated June, 30, 2021.

For ARP funds: Degree seeking undergraduate students who were enrolled for fall 2021 and had demonstrated unmet need as determined by review of financial circumstances were deemed eligible for ARP funds. Students applied for funds via an online application. Grant award amounts were determined by a combination of factors including receipt of a FAFSA, eligibility for federal and state grants, and remaining unmet need after other aid. Set award amounts of \$500, \$1,500, \$3,000, \$4,000, and \$5,000 were awarded based on these factors, with Pell-eligible students receiving the largest grant amount.

Instructions/Directions Given to Students Concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants

All eligible students received the following email on July 8, 2021 notifying them of the application for emergency grants from ARP funds:

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NEWS

Austin College received \$1,676,861 as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for use in student emergency grants. This allocation does not restrict the award based on citizenship status, allowing **ALL** students to apply.

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To receive emergency assistance through the HEERF III/ARP program, an Austin College student must have:

- Demonstrated unmet need as determined by review of financial circumstances.
- Must be an undergraduate student.
- Must be enrolled for the Fall 2021 term.

Priority Application Deadline - July 26, 2021 for the first round of funds.



The email linked students to the following online application:



HEERF 3 Application

Austin College received \$1,676,861 as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for use in student emergency grants.

To receive emergency assistance through the HEERF III/ARP program, an Austin College student must have:

- Demonstrated unmet need as determined by review of financial circumstances.
- Must be an undergraduate student.
- Must be enrolled for the Fall 2021 term.

Priority Application Deadline - July 26, 2021 for the first round of funds.

AC ID:
(include the leading zero on your student ID)

7 characters required

7 characters remaining

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Email Address

Birthdate

I am requesting HEERF III/ARP Emergency Funds to cover the following expenses for fall 2021:

- Tuition
- Food
- Housing
- Health Care (including mental health care)
- Child Care

within the allowable uses.

There are no guarantees that I will receive an award or that I will receive the amount I requested.

I certify that the expenses listed above are a direct result of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

I certify that all answers and information provided in this application are complete, true, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or omission of any facts in this application may result in my application being denied and that I may be asked to provide supporting documentation.

I affirm the above.

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Students receiving a grant were notified via email on July 30, 2021.



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Name,

We are delighted to inform you that you will be receiving an Emergency Grant valued at \$XXXX from the **HEERF III/American Rescue Plan (ARP)**. Your award amount is based on your application and demonstrated unmet need for the upcoming fall semester.

The Business Office will be following up with an email and a **HEERF III/ARP Grant Acknowledgement** form where you will designate your preferred disbursement method. All disbursements will occur after September 8, 2021, fall term census date, to meet the final eligibility requirement of fall enrollment. If you elect to apply your grant to your student balance, you can expect to see the credit on your account by mid-August.

Preparations are underway for your return to campus in a few short weeks and we are excited to be back in person. Don't forget to check your email next week for the next steps from the Business Office.



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Students then received a second email from the Business Office linking them to the Grant Acknowledgement form:



Name

Katey Kangaroo

AC ID

0111111

Date

2021/7/29

Please acknowledge that you are accepting the grant by clicking the box next to each statement below.

- I understand that I will receive a student grant as part of the student funding of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). By submitting this form, I am affirming that I have a financial need. The funds may be used for any portion of my cost of attendance (e.g., tuition and fees, room and board, cost of books, supplies, transportation), or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Please choose one of the following options to let us know how you would like to use your grant funds.

- Option 1: I opt to apply the full amount of the grant to my Student Receivable Account to pay existing balances or to leave it on my account to cover future charges.
- Option 2: I opt to apply the full amount of the grant to my Student Receivable Account to cover any balances currently due and choose to have any remaining credit balance disbursed directly to me.

Please issue refund of credit balance by: (check one)

- E-Check (Direct Deposit). Sign up for direct deposit of your grant on WebHopper using Direct Deposit Account Payable link found on Main Student Menu under the Financial Information section.

OR

- Please issue a paper check to the following address:

Street Line 1

Street Line 2

City

State

Zip

- Option 3: I opt to receive the full amount of the grant disbursed directly to me. I understand that I am responsible for any balance due on my Student Receivable Account.

Please disburse the grant to me by: (check one)

- E-Check (Direct Deposit). Sign up for direct deposit of your grant on WebHopper using Direct Deposit Account Payable link found on Main Student Menu under the Financial Information section.

OR

Please issue a paper check to the following address:

Street Line 1

Street Line 2

City

State

Zip

Students were sent additional notification on 11/4/2021.

From: Austin College <businessoff@austincollege.edu>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] >
Subject: An Important Notice - Coronavirus relief funding

[REDACTED],

We are delighted to inform you that you will be receiving an Emergency Grant valued at \$3,625.00 from the **HEERF III/American Rescue Plan (ARP)**. Your award amount is based on your application and demonstrated unmet need for the fall semester.

Complete and submit the [HEERF 3/ARP Grant Acknowledgement form](#) to tell us how you want to receive the grant.

By submitting the form, you are affirming you have a financial need. The funds may be used for any portion of your cost of attendance (e.g., tuition and fees, room and board, cost of books, supplies, transportation), or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

All disbursements will occur after Thursday, November 16, 2021. If you elect to apply your grant to your student balance, you can expect to see the credit on your account earlier.

Sincerely,

Austin College Business Office