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Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or, CARES Act, was passed by Congress on March 27th, 2020. This bill allotted \$2.2 trillion to provide fast and direct economic aid to the American people negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Of that money, approximately \$14 billion was given to the Office of Postsecondary Education as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, or HEERF.

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

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. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

American Rescue Plan

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to

institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

On April 9, 2020, the Department of Education (“Department”) published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, a form Certification and Agreement for institutions to sign and return to access the funds, and a list of institutional allocations under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution's Certification and Agreement to the Department.

Each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website, as an initial report under Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act. This report is associated with approved information collection under OMB control number 1801-0005. This information must also be updated no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30).

(1) On **April 14, 2020**, Navarro College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement that the institution intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Navarro College also assures that the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

(2) On April 22, 2020, Navarro College received **\$2,050,823** from the Department of Education under the institution's Certificate and Agreement of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Navarro College received an additional \$10,074,069 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certificate of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. This is a cumulative total of \$12,124,892 dedicated to Emergency Financial Aid Grants from CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP.

(3) From July 1 - September 30, 2021, Navarro College distributed \$5,470,724 in Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

(4) From July 1 - September 30, 2021, the duplicated total of 2,337 students at Navarro College were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. This is the number of students for whom the institution has received a completed online application for these emergency financial aid grant funds.

(5) From July 1 - September 30, 2021, Navarro College distributed emergency financial aid grants to 2,093 students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

(6) To determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants, Navarro College established the following priorities listed on the [Student Aid Portion – Posted Date: July 10, 2021](#).

(7) Instructions, directions, and guidance provided by Navarro College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants is listed in the Quarterly Public Reporting Requirement for (a) (1) Student Aid Portion section below.