

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)

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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 was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020.

Institutions which received HEERF I Grant Funds under the CARES Act were not required to apply for the HEERF II Grant. Rather, “the terms, conditions, and requirements governing the institution’s use of these supplemental grant funds awarded pursuant to section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260) (supplemental award or grant) by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) are governed by section 314 of the CRRSAA and the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Agreement”.

White Mountains Community College received notification of HEERF II (CRRSA) Grant Funding on January 17, 2021 and acknowledges that the \$244,252.00 student portion must be used to make “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, fees, food, utilities, internet Access, housing, technology health care (including mental health care) or child care”.

HOW MUCH IN EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS?

| As of | Total Amount Disbursed | Total Number of Students |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| June 13, 2021 | \$208,127.50 | 164 |
| June 30, 2021 | \$244,252.00 | 185 |
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS?

- Enrolled students for the spring semester starting January 19, 2021-May 8, 2021, who have a 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file to confirm US Citizenship.
- Enrolled students for the summer semester starting May 24, 2021

| As of | Estimated Number of Eligible Students |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| March 1, 2021 | 396 |
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HOW DID WHITE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FUNDS?

For grant consideration, students were required to complete a simple application by logging into the Student Information System ([SIS](#)).

Students were notified to complete the application and indicate categories (up to 8) of Coronavirus related financial impact. Application categories:

1. Tuition, Fees, Books & Supplies
2. Child Care
3. Food
4. Health Care (including Mental Health)
5. Housing
6. Internet Access
7. Technology
8. Utilities

Students who selected the “Tuition & Fee” category were awarded an amount equal to half of the billed tuition (excluding fees). Selection of any of the other categories resulted in a \$150 per category award.

HOW DID STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS?

Students were given the following options:

Option 1: Apply to my student account to pay tuition, fees, and books for any semester billed to my account. Excess funds will be refunded via check (mailed to address on file) or direct deposit.

Option 2: Pay directly to me via check (mailed to address on file) or direct deposit. Do not apply to my student account.

If you are awarded CRRSA financial assistance and have chosen the direct payment method, the fastest way to receive funds is through direct deposit (DD). If you have not previously set up DD, copy and paste the following link into a new window, and follow the instructions “How to Sign up for Electronic Refunding”

[https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds/.](https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds/)”