

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting – Student Aid Funds (Quarter ending December 31, 2021)

Quarterly Report Covering CRRSAA (HEERF II) and ARP (HEERF III) Student Aid Fund Expenditures

The Federal Government has provided emergency relief funds to colleges, including Suffolk County Community College, through legislation such as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). These relief funds are categorized as the HEERF I (under the Cares Act), HEERF II (under CRRSAA), and HEERF III (under ARP) to continue support for institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. A portion of these funds are to be used to provide emergency financial assistance to students.

Suffolk County Community College has been allocated HEERF Student Aid Funds to provide emergency grants to students experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance and/or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

As a recipient of HEERF Student Aid Funds, Suffolk County Community College is required by the U.S. Department of Education to report the following elements on a quarterly basis:

1. An acknowledgment that the certification agreement was signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds the institution will receive or has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs.
3. The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students.
4. The estimated total number of students eligible to receive an emergency grant.
5. The total number of students who received an emergency grant.
6. The method the institution used to determine which students will receive emergency grants and how much funding they will receive.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency grants.

CRRSAA HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Suffolk County Community College received Student Aid funding under the CRRSAA Section 314(a)(1) program. This program, with some changes, provides supplemental funds to the CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) program. Suffolk County Community College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education a Certification and Agreement as required under the CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) program. We acknowledge that by drawing down the CRRSAA funds, our institution agrees to be bound by the conditions set forth in the CRRSAA

Supplemental Agreement, including using 100% of these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

Suffolk County Community College has received or will receive \$6,589,770 from the Department of Education in Student Aid funding under the CRRSAA Section 314(a)(1) program.

Suffolk County Community College has distributed \$6,584,044 under the CRRSAA Section 314(a)(1) (HEERF II) program as of December 31, 2021. ¹ \$22,038 of this was distributed between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

Suffolk County Community College determined that approximately 5,143 students, based on the number of students enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester with Pell-eligible expected family contributions, were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA Section 314(a)(1) program, utilizing the State University of New York (SUNY)'s formula for prioritizing students with demonstrated exceptional need. Other students are potentially eligible for award with remaining funds, if they have demonstrated need.

5,560 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA Section 314(a)(1) program as of December 31, 2021. 5,143 students previously received Emergency Financial Aid Priority 1 grants utilizing SUNY's formula for prioritizing students with Pell-eligible expected family contributions who were enrolled during the Spring 2021 semester. During this quarter, 74 students received Emergency Financial Aid grants with remaining HEERF II funds based on exceptional need.

Suffolk County Community College has prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA Section 314(a)(1) program to its students in the following manner (awarding methodology):

Priority 1 (Pell-eligible expected family contributions): Students enrolled during the Spring 2021 semester with Pell-eligible expected family contributions were identified to receive Priority 1 grants utilizing SUNY's formula. Award amount was based on the EFC range and the student's full-time / part-time status, as delineated below:

Student Award Chart					
Award Amount Per EFC Range and FT/PT Status					
		100%	75%	50%	25%
Base Grant		EFC Range 0 - 1,500	EFC Range 1,501 - 2,900	EFC Range 2,901 - 4,300	EFC Range 4,301 - 5,711
\$740.00	FT	\$1,480.00	\$1,295.00	\$1,110.00	\$925.00
\$370.00	PT	\$1,110.00	\$925.00	\$740.00	\$555.00

¹ Please note: The reported disbursements may include redistributions of unclaimed emergency grants previously reported.

Additional Grants: Thereafter, additional students who did not receive Priority 1 grants but who were otherwise eligible under the CRRSAA Section 314(a) program and who were identified as having exceptional need by Financial Aid (including based on NYS need-based aid eligibility) received awards. This included DACA students who were not eligible for CARES Act grants, non-credit English as a Second Language (ESL) students, and other students who requested assistance to cover outstanding balances, costs related to components of the student's cost of attendance, and for emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus such as tuition & fees, transportation, housing, medical and childcare costs. Awards were based upon enrollment status and demonstrated need.

Under the CRRSAA Section 314(a) program, students thus far have received awards ranging from \$100 to \$3,000.

Instructions, directions, and guidance provide by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA Section 314(a) program were as follows:

Students receiving Priority 1 grants were notified via email of their award and provided with the following information:

To: *Eligible Students*
Subject: *Award of Emergency Grant under the
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)*
Date: *April 1, 2021*

We hope you and your loved ones are remaining healthy and safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In spite of the challenges and changes that you have had to face during this period, we hope you are able to successfully meet the academic expectations associated with your educational goals.

As part of the federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), we are able to advise you that Suffolk County Community College has received federal grant funding to distribute to eligible students in the form of emergency financial aid grants. This funding is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA).

CRRSAA and SUNY require that institutions making these disbursements prioritize students with demonstrated exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants and students with Pell-eligible expected family contributions (EFCs). You are receiving this email because you have been deemed eligible to receive a priority emergency grant from the College.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, funds have been made available through CRRSAA to award emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), and childcare. Please click [here](#) for more information on what is included in a student's cost of attendance.

The College has deemed you eligible to receive an emergency grant in the amount of \$XXX. This is not a loan, will not need to be paid back, and will not affect your financial aid award amounts for academic year 2021-2022. Students must understand it is their responsibility to notify the Office of Financial Aid immediately if they will not incur expenses that meet or exceed the amount of their emergency grant.

You do not need to complete an application to receive these funds. The Office of Financial Aid will distribute HEERF III student grants directly to the College's eligible students.

For more detailed information on the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) please visit the College's [Coronavirus microsite](#). You may also email your campus Financial Aid office with any questions you may have.

Students receiving awards from additional funds were informed of their award and instructed as follows via email:

Dear Student:

In response to the coronavirus, funds have been made available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)'s Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to award emergency grants to students for expenses relate to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), and childcare. You have been deemed eligible to receive an emergency grant in the amount of \$__ from available remaining funds. This is not a loan and will not need to be paid back and will not affect your financial aid award amounts for the 2021-2022 academic year. Students must understand it is their responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office immediately if they will not incur expenses that meet or exceed the amount of their emergency grant. For additional information about this grant or if you have questions, please email your campus Financial Aid Office. You can find more information on the College's [Coronavirus microsite](#).

ARP HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Suffolk County Community College received Student Aid funding under Section 2003(7) of the ARP. This program, with some changes, provides supplemental funds to the CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) program. Suffolk County Community College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education a Certification and Agreement as required under the CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) program. We acknowledge that by drawing down the ARP funds, our institution agrees to be bound by the conditions set forth in the ARP Supplemental Agreement, including using 100% of these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

Suffolk County Community College has received or will receive \$22,747,465 from the Department of Education in Student Aid funding under the ARP Section 2003(7) program.

Suffolk County Community College has distributed \$9,377,387 under the ARP Section 2003(7) program as of December 31, 2021.

Suffolk County Community College has determined that approximately 6,798 students, based on the number of students enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester with expected family contributions ranging from \$0 to \$14,615 were eligible to receive Priority 1 Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the ARP Section 2003(7) program, utilizing the State University of New York (SUNY)'s formula for prioritizing students with demonstrated exceptional need. Other students are potentially eligible for award with remaining funds, if they have demonstrated need.

6,798 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the ARP Section 2003 (7) program as of December 31, 2021. 6,562 students received first round Emergency Financial Aid Priority 1 grants utilizing SUNY's formula for prioritizing students with Pell-eligible expected family contributions who were enrolled during the Fall 2021 semester. 236 students received second round Emergency Financial Aid Priority 1 grants. The second round grants were distributed to students whose financial aid application were received after the first round disbursement. During this quarter, 1 student received Emergency Financial Aid grants with ARP Section 2003 (7) funds based on exceptional need.

Suffolk County Community College has prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the ARP Section 2003(7) program to its students in the following manner (awarding methodology):

Priority 1 (based on eligible expected family contributions): Students enrolled during the Fall 2021 semester with expected family contributions ranging from \$0 to \$14,615 were identified to receive Priority 1 grants utilizing SUNY's formula. Award amount was based on the EFC range and the student's full-time / part-time status, as delineated below:

Student Award Chart					
Award Amount Per EFC Range and FT/PT Status					
	125%	100%	75%	50%	25%
	EFC Range 0 - 2,923	EFC Range 2,924 - 5,846	EFC Range 5,847 - 8,769	EFC Range 8,770 - 11,692	EFC Range 11,693 - 14,615
FT Student Awards	\$ 1,622.25	\$ 1,442.00	\$ 1,261.75	\$ 1,081.50	\$ 901.25
PT Student Awards	\$ 1,261.75	\$ 1,081.50	\$ 901.25	\$ 721.00	\$ 540.75

The awarding methodology for subsequent remaining funds is under review. Emergency Financial Aid Priority 1 grants will be distributed to enrolled Spring 2022 students in the block grant methodology utilized in Fall 2021. The process for all students to identify exceptional financial need is under review and is awaiting the necessary technology solution.

Under ARP Section 2003 (7) program, students thus far have received awards ranging from \$100 to \$3,000.

Instructions, directions, and guidance provide by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the ARP Section 2003(7) program were as follows:

Students receiving Priority 1 grants were notified via email of their award and provided with the following information:

To: *Eligible Students*
Subject: *Award of Emergency Grant under the
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)*
Date: *October 13, 2021*

We hope you and your loved ones are remaining healthy and safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In spite of the challenges and changes that you have had to face during this period, we hope you are able to successfully meet the academic expectations associated with your educational goals.

As part of the federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), we are able to advise you that Suffolk County Community College has received federal grant funding to distribute to eligible students in the form of emergency financial aid grants. This funding is authorized by the American Rescue Plan, 2021 (ARP).

ARP and SUNY require that institutions making these disbursements prioritize students with demonstrated exceptional need. You are receiving this email because you have been deemed eligible to receive a priority emergency grant from the College.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, funds have been made available through ARP to award emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), and childcare. Please click [here](#) for more information on what is included in a student's cost of attendance.

The College has deemed you eligible to receive an emergency grant in the amount of \$XXX. This is not a loan, will not need to be paid back, and will not affect your financial aid award amounts for academic year 2021-2022. Students must understand it is their responsibility to notify the Office of Financial Aid immediately if they will not incur expenses that meet or exceed the amount of their emergency grant.

You do not need to complete an application to receive these funds. The Office of Financial Aid will distribute HEERF III student grants directly to the College's eligible students.

For more detailed information on the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) please visit the College's [Coronavirus microsite](#). You may also email your campus Financial Aid office with any questions you may have

The student receiving awards from additional funds were informed of their award and instructed as follows via email:

Dear Student:

In response to the coronavirus, funds have been made available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)'s Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to award emergency grants to students for expenses relate to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), and childcare. You have been deemed eligible to receive an emergency grant in the amount of \$__ from available remaining funds. This is not a loan and will not need to be paid back and will not affect your financial aid award amounts for the 2021-2022 academic year. Students must understand it is their responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office immediately if they will not incur expenses that meet or exceed the amount of their emergency grant. For additional information about this grant or if you have questions, please email your campus Financial Aid Office. You can find more information on the College's [Coronavirus microsite](#).