

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II & III)
December 31, 2021 Quarterly Report

(1) An acknowledgement 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.

Ball State University signed the original Funding Certification and Agreement under the CARES Act on May 1, 2020. We received supplemental funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) on 3/2/2021 and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) on 6/10/21.

(2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department 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.

Ball State University received Grant Award Notification P425E204032 indicating an award amount for the student portion of \$7,623,465 under CRRSAA and an additional award amount of \$20,063,538 under the student portion of ARP for a total of \$27,687,003.

(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (*i.e.*, as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

\$10,631,800 in HEERF III funds have been disbursed as emergency grants since the September 30, 2021 report.

(4) 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.

Total eligible population is approximately 19,019.

(5) 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.

14,424 students have been awarded since September 30, 2021.

(6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the program.

Block grants were initially made to domestic students enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester with a FAFSA on file and a proper citizenship status, not graduating at the end of fall and an award package. Graduate students received \$500, Pell recipients received \$1,000 and non-Pell undergraduates received between \$500 and \$1,000 based upon unmet need after grants and scholarships. Eligible students not receiving initial awards were invited to apply for funds through an on-line application.

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Eligible students were notified by email. The group initially awarded as block grants were divided into those with a current balance due to the university and those not owing a balance. Those not owing a balance were sent money directly. Those with a balance due were asked to confirm whether or not they wanted to apply the funds to their account. After a week, those with a balance due who had not responded had funds released as a direct disbursement to the student. Those students who were eligible and not initially awarded through the block grant process, were invited to apply for funds through an on-line application. Applications were reviewed and awards disbursed until the amount of funds allocated for the semester were exhausted.

Below are links to the emails sent to students.

- Current students with an initial award and a balance (3,112)
 - Link: <https://t.e2ma.net/webview/cy3hkc/ae54516cfde1d6a15071a391d1da42e4>
- Current students with no initial award but appear to be eligible (5,630)
 - Link: <https://t.e2ma.net/webview/w52hkc/92ddf7f84a870413fc82eb9c953667a9>
- Current students with an initial award and no balance (10,277)
 - <https://t.e2ma.net/webview/Ok1hkc/c6687e30a870836c8eba0f53ad6e9b01>

Sent from: President Mearns

Send time: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 9 a.m. Eastern