



College of Southern Maryland
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) ACT
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
2021 Third Quarter Student Emergency Fund Report

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1. Statement of Use

On January 14, 2021, the Department of Education notified College of Southern Maryland (CSM) of a \$1.2 million award of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Student Aid funds under section 314(a)1 of the CRRSA Act. These funds were covered under the initial CARES Act Certification and Agreement form that was submitted to the Department of Education on in April 2020. CSM intends to use these funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. Award Amount

CSM has received \$1,289,511 for CRRSA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

3. Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed and total number of students awarded under Section 314(a)1 of the CRRSA Act

As of September 30, 2021, CSM has **distributed \$1,259,290** in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As of September 30, 2021, CSM has awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants to **1,894 students**.

Quarter	# of students awarded	Amount of funding awarded
01/01/2021 – 03/31/2021	0	\$ 0.00
04/01/2021 – 06/30/2021	1,894	\$ 1,259,290
07/01/2021 – 09/30/2021	0	\$ 0.00

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act.

CSM estimates a total of 2,776 students are potentially eligible to participate in the program. 1,893 students are eligible based on a verified FAFSA on file, enrollment in a Title IV eligible program, and compliance with other requirements set forth by the Department of Education.

An additional 3,051 students have been identified as potentially eligible to complete a FAFSA and would need to satisfy other funding requirements.

5. **The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the CCRSA Act.**

In an effort to provide the maximum support possible based on available funds, and to give priority to those students who demonstrate significant financial need, CSM will award students based on the total number of credits students are taking in the Spring 2021 semester:

Full Time students (12 or more credits) – Pell recipients:	\$ 1,200
Full Time students (12+ credits) – non-Pell recipients:	\$ 600
3/4 Time students (9-11 credits) – Pell recipients:	\$ 900
3/4 Time students (9-11 credits) – non-Pell recipients:	\$ 450
1/2 Time students (6-8 credits) – Pell recipients:	\$ 650
1/2 Time students (6-8 credits) – non-Pell recipients:	\$ 325
Part Time students (1-5 credits) – Pell recipients:	\$ 400
Part Time students (1-5 credits) – non-Pell recipients:	\$ 200

Funds will automatically be disbursed to students who have a FAFSA on file, are enrolled in a Title IV eligible program of study, and satisfy all other eligibility requirements of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

Students who do not have a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file at the time of the initial eligibility determination have been information on how to submit a FAFSA and will be considered for future disbursements.

Students were encouraged to sign up for direct deposit which allows for the funds to be quickly received. Students who do not opt for direct deposit will have checks mailed to their address on file with CSM.

6. **Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

On April 15, 2021 all students registered for the Spring 2021 semester were sent the following email regarding CRRSA Act Funds:

Dear Hawk,

The **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act** was recently signed into law. We have been tasked by the U.S. Department of Education with disbursing emergency funds to our students to help with expenses related to the continued disruption of campus operations

due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Pursuant to federal guidelines, CSM is working to distribute funds to students deemed eligible by the U.S. Department of Education. In order to be eligible for CRRSA Act funds, **students must be eligible to apply for federally-funded financial aid and be enrolled in at least one credit course in the Spring 2021 Semester.**

As a student enrolled at CSM for the Spring 2021 Semester, you may be eligible to receive funds under the CRRSA Act. To be eligible to receive assistance under the CRRSA Act, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the [FAFSA](#) by April 30* and use CSM's Federal School Code (002064)
- Demonstrate financial need, which is defined as having an Expected Family Contribution of 13,000 or less on your 2020-2021 FAFSA.
- Be pursuing an associate degree or credit certificate program
- Be enrolled in at least one course for the Spring 2021 Semester

*For best consideration to receive CRRSA Act funding, you are encouraged to **complete a [2020-2021 FAFSA](#) by April 30, 2021**, if you have not previously applied for this academic year. If you are unsure if you have submitted a 2020-2021 FAFSA to CSM, you can check the status of your financial aid by logging into the Financial Aid section of your Self-Service Account and reviewing the 2020-2021 Academic Year information.

If you have submitted your 2020-2021 FAFSA application, no further action is necessary at this time to be considered for aid through the CRRSA Act. Recipients will be notified by the college if they will be receiving funds.

You may wish to provide CSM with your banking information to facilitate electronic transfer of funds if you have not already done so. You can update your information by logging into the Banking Information section of your Self-Service Account.

CSM is committed to providing CRRSA Act funding to students as quickly as possible. We anticipate sending the first funds to eligible students by the end of the month.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for financial aid, please contact the Financial Assistance Department at 301-934-7531 or finaid@csmd.edu.

Sincerely,

Christian Zimmermann
Acting Executive Director
Financial Assistance and Advocacy