**Institution Name (OPEID #)**

**Coronavirus Relief Allocations – 2020-21**

Since the March 2020 declaration of a national emergency due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Congress has enacted three laws that provide resources for individuals, businesses, and state and local governments, including K-12 and higher education entities. This fact sheet provides information on the institutional allocations and expenditures (to the extent reported) under each of these pieces of legislation: the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**The CARES Act**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Actwas signed into law on March 27, 2020. The Act provided $2.2 trillion in economic stimulus through one-time cash payments to individuals, increased unemployment benefits, forgivable loans to small businesses, loans for corporations, payments for hospitals and public health, and for K-12 and higher education.

Funds for higher education were provided through the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF). Under Section 18001 of the Act, the Secretary of Education was first required to reserve up to 0.5% for the outlying areas on the basis of their respective needs; 0.5% for programs operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education; and 1% for competitive grants to the states with the highest coronavirus burden to support activities under the ESF.

Following that, the Secretary was required to provide the remainder of the funds to three emergency education relief funds: The Governor’s Emergency Relief Fund, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The first and third of these funds may be expended for higher education.

*NAME OF INSTITUTION Funding from the CARES Act under the HEERF*:

Student Portion: $X,XXX,XXX

Institutional Portion: $X,XXX,XXX

Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) $ XXX,XXX

Total Award: $X,XXX,XXX

According to the U.S. Department of Education website, as of [DATE OF LAST REPORT], the College/University had spent XX% ($DOLLAR AMOUNT) of its CARES funds, including XX% of the student portion, XX% ($DOLLAR AMOUNT) of the institutional portion, and 19.1% ($DOLLAR AMOUNT) of the SIP funding.[[1]](#footnote-1) [NOTE: If the institution received any GEERF Funds or funds due to being an HBCU or other Minority-Serving Institution, indicate that here as well.]

**Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021**

The second piece of legislation passed by the United States Congress to address the consequences of the pandemic was signed into law on December 27, 2020, as Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-260). In all, $900 billion in education relief funding was attached to the law; of that, $22.7 billion was set aside for higher education through Division M of the Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA).

Of those funds, 89% are directed for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II); 7.5% to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving institutions, and other Minority Serving Institutions; 3% for emergency student aid at for-profit institutions; and 0.5% for grants through the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) to institutions particularly impacted by the pandemic or disadvantaged by the formula for student aid. The Act also forgives an estimated $1.3 billion in existing HBCU Capital Financing Loans.

*NAME OF INSTITUTION received $DOLLAR AMOUNT from the HEERF II allocation for public and nonprofit institutions under CRRSAA section 314(a)(1).[[2]](#footnote-2)*

Minimum amount for student aid portion (CFDA 84.425E Allocation): $X,XXX,XXX

Maximum amount for institutional portion (CFDA 84.42F Allocation): $X,XXX,XXX

Total Award: $X,XXX,XXX

The U.S. Department of Education does not yet have a reporting mechanism for these allocations on their agency website.

**American Rescue Plan Act, 2021**

The American Rescue Plan Act, was signed into law on March 11, 2021, one year from the date when the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus a global pandemic. It provides $1.9 trillion in relief funding through a number of programs including direct payments to Americans, expanded unemployment benefits and the child tax credit, vaccine distribution, and $350 billion in direct aid for state, local, and tribal governments to offset revenue losses and bolster economic recovery.

ARPA appropriated $39.6 billion to the USDOE for making allocations to institutions of higher education with the same terms and conditions of section 314 of the CRRSAA with minor changes (HEERF III). Higher education institutions are again required to use at least 50% of their funding for student grants as was required under the CARES Act.

Information on institutional allocations from the HEERF is not yet available from the USDOE, but the American Council on Education (<https://www.acenet.edu/Documents/ARP-HEERF3-Nonprofit-Institutions.pdf>) estimates NAME OF INSTITUTION allocations to be:

Total Award: $XX,XXX,XXX

Minimum Amount Required for Student Grants X,XXX,XXX

**Conclusion**

NAME OF INSTITUTION has available in its institutional portion of allocations an estimated $XX,XXX,XXX, of unspent funds as follows:

CARES Act $X,XXX,XXX

CRRSAA X,XXX,XXX

ARPA X,XXX,XXX

TOTAL $XX,XXX,XXX

The institutional portion of these allocations can be spent on payroll and other employee expenses related to operating during a pandemic.

**NOTE:** Section 18006 of the ESF portion of the CARES Act (which applies to the CRRSAA and ARPA as well), states that a higher education institution receiving funds under this Fund shall, to the greatest extent practicable, “***continue to pay its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to coronavirus.”*** (Emphasis added.)

IF THERE ARE OTHER SOURCES OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FOR THIS INSTITUTION (e.g., Section 18004(2) funds for HBCUs and other Minority Serving Institutions) list them here.

NAME OF INSTITUTION’s Final Quarterly Posting for CARES Act COVID-19 Aid Grant was posted DATE at [INSERT URL HERE].

1. Spending data as reported through [DATE OF LAST REPORT}. Downloaded from <https://covid-relief-data.ed.gov/> on X date. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Downloaded from: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/314a1allocationtableheerfii.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)