

COVID-19 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Plan for Community College of Denver, Student Portion

June 2021 Quarterly Report

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Sec. 18004. (Higher Education), on April 25, 2020, the Community College of Denver (CCD) received an initial authorization of \$2,221,589.00, required to be used only as direct grants to students to provide emergency relief aid for hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic as they look to continue their education. CCD signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement with the assurance that it will use at least 50% of the funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on December 27, 2020, the Community College of Denver received an authorization of \$2,221,589.00 to be used as grants to students to provide emergency relief aid for hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF II) as authorized by the American Rescue Plan, Public Law 116-260, the Community College of Denver received an authorization of \$8,989,605.00 to be used as grants to students to provide emergency relief aid for hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report is an extension all previous HEERF Student expenditure reports listed at <https://www.ccd.edu/docs/ccd-cares-act-reports>.

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The chart below updates expenditures paid in the student portion of CARES, CRRSSAA, and ARP funds through the end of September 2021. The written summary below the chart provides details on methods used by the institution to determine which students received emergency stimulus funds and how they received them.

Funding Source	Allocation	Spent	Remaining	Number of students paid*
CARES student portion	\$ 2,221,589.00	\$ 2,221,589.00	\$0.00	6,469
CRRSAA student portion	\$ 2,221,589.00	\$ 2,221,589.00	\$0.00	1,898
ARP student portion	\$ 8,989,605.00	\$ 8,438,132.93	\$ 551,472.07	2,784

* Adjusted for unclaimed refunds and contains duplicates across funds

CARES Expenditures

The CARES student allocation is exhausted.

CRRSAA Expenditures

The CRRSAA student allocation is exhausted.

ARP Expenditures

In July 2021, the Financial Aid Office sent COVID Impact Grant applications to all enrolled summer students (approximately 1,805 students). Within the application, students were allowed to self-select whether or not to have the funds applied directly to tuition and fees. \$2,500.00 summer awards were subsequently awarded to all enrolled applicants.

The Tuition Relief and Emergency Aid applications were continuously open as well throughout the summer semester. Per Executive Staff decision, the maximum amount of funds allowed for Tuition Relief (\$3,000.00) was eliminated. The Financial Aid Director re-reviewed all Tuition Relief applications, and increased awards to cover full balance if previous award was not enough to cover full bill. For the Emergency Aid application, awards of \$500.00 were provided to all enrolled applicants based on their primary selected need category.

For fall 2021 semester, the Financial Aid Office consolidated the COVID Impact Grant and Tuition Relief applications into one. Maintaining three separate applications for HEERF had proven to be an unnecessary administrative burden. The Emergency Aid

application was also moved out of Maxient into Formstack to improve ease of processing.

At the beginning of fall semester, CCD made an attempt to assist students with their transportation costs by allowing them to opt into the use of HEERF to pay for their RTD Eco Pass. The cost of the pass for fall semester was \$135.00. A Formstack application for the RTD Eco Pass was made available to all enrolled students by the Cashier's Office.

After fall Census, the newly updated COVID Impact Grant application was sent to almost 4,300 enrolled students. Within the application, students were allowed to self-select whether or not to have the funds applied directly to tuition and fees. \$2,500.00 fall awards were subsequently awarded to all enrolled applications.

As of the end of third quarter, the COVID Impact Grant and Emergency Aid applications remain open. It is likely that HEERF may be exhausted prior to the end of fall 2021 semester.