

## **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>.

### **Second Quarter Report – June 2021**

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

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Number of students paid*</b>
CARES student portion	\$2,221,589.00	\$2,221,589.00	\$0.00	6,469
CRRSAA student portion	\$2,221,589.00	\$2,220,140.78	\$1,448.22	1902
ARP student portion	\$8,989,605.00	\$199,754.61	\$8,789,850.39	125

\*Adjusted for unclaimed refunds

## **CARES Expenditures**

Since the April 2021 Quarterly Report, CCD has exhausted its CARES student allocation using the two methods described in the last report (through the emergency aid application available at <https://www.ccd.edu/employees/departments/financial-aid-scholarships/emergency-funds-resources/emergency-aid-and-covid> and through CCD's KEYS program for displaced homemakers).

## **CRRSAA Expenditures**

In the first quarter, CCD was utilizing a COVID Impact Grant application which provided students with the opportunity to apply the funds directly to their tuition and fees balance or have the funds sent directly to them (through the normal BankMobile refund process). Awards \$1,000 were given to students through the method of their choice. Invitations to apply for the grant were sent to the highest need students first (with EFC's less than \$12,001), and gradually sent to a broader base of eligible students as funding levels allowed. Eligibility was determined by citizenship status (as per TIV regulation). Concurrent enrollment, international and undocumented students were excluded.

The Emergency Aid Application, as notated above, remained open for the entirety of quarter two. The Financial Aid Director continued to review each Emergency Aid Application individually to determine which fund to award from (CARES, CRRSAA, ARP, Emergency SEOG, CCD Foundation Scholarships).

In April 2021, CCD added a new application to its HEERF Student expenditure plan. A Tuition Relief Application was created and emailed to almost 1,600 students with past due balances for fall 2020 and spring 2021. This application asked students whether or not the Coronavirus pandemic had affected their ability to pay their CCD balance. Students who confirmed a negative financial impact were awarded funds to assist with paying off their balance. Balances of up to \$3,000 were paid down to \$0. Each student's award amount was different, depending upon the amount owed. Students completing this Tuition Relief Application were still eligible to apply for the COVID emergency aid.

In May 2021, when the Department of Education (ED) released new guidance on the third round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants authorized by the [American Rescue Plan](#), CCD was able to broaden its scope of awards to include undocumented and international students. The Financial Aid Office sent invitations to apply for the COVID Impact Grant and Tuition Relief to students previously excluded.

## **ARP Expenditures**

To date, CCD's ARP expenditures have been limited to the emergency aid application and the tuition relief application. A new launch of COVID Impact Grant applications will occur in early July 2021. With more funding to spend, award amounts will increase to \$2,500. The COVID Impact Grant Application will be sent to all summer enrolled students, with no exclusions made, as now allowed. This process will be repeated for fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters after Census until funds are exhausted.