

**The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

**Shasta College’s Reporting for Student Portion of the HEERF II/CRRSAA Act Emergency Relief Fund
(April 10, 2021)**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (“CRRSAA”), signed into law on December 27, 2020, directs institutions receiving CRRSAA funding to submit a report to the Secretary of Education describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (“HEERF II”).

CRRSAA requires institutions to use at least the same amount received from the CARES Act/HEERF I in Student Emergency Funds for distribution as CRRSAA/HEERF II Student Emergency Funds as Emergency Financial Aid Grants. These grants to students are to be directly disbursed to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

The Department of Education will provide instructions for providing the required information to the Secretary in the near future. In the meantime, each HEERF II participating institution must post quarterly reports on how funds have been used on the institution’s primary website.

- 1. 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] the Student Portion to be disbursed as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

Shasta College received \$1,836,637 under CFDA 84.42SE of the CRRSAA/HEERF II award for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students in January 2021. Allocation tables for all institutions in the United States receiving HEERF funds can be found [here](#).

- 2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students from CRRSAA/HEERF II funds as of the date of submission.**

As of April 10, 2021, \$911,790 has been distributed.

- 3. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the Student Portion of Shasta College’s allocation of CRRSAA/HEERF II funds:**

Shasta College elected to use data already available from submitted 2020-21 financial aid applications (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA, and California DREAM Act Application – CADAA) to look for students with exceptional need and who were enrolled in at least six units. The original estimated number of potential eligible students was 2,712.

- 4. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students from the Student Portion of the CRRSAA/HEERF II allocation.**

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- As of April 10, 2021 a total of 2,456 unduplicated students have received funds.
- 5. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive from the Student Portion of the CRRSAA/HEERF II allocation.**

On January 26, 2021, the College ran an initial report to select the population of students who met the following criteria of "exceptional need:"

- Had submitted a 2020-21 financial aid application (FAFSA or CADAA) and had completed any required verification documentation
- Had unmet financial need of at least \$5,000
- Were enrolled in at least 6 units in Spring 2021

2,712 were determined to be initially eligible.

The College opted to distribute the 50% of the CRRSAA/HEERF II initially, and reserve the remaining 50% of the funds for distribution in the latter part of Spring 2021.

On February 17, 2021, Shasta College's Financial Aid reran the student data to determine which of the students were still eligible according to the above criteria. On February 26, 2021, 2,456 students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants of \$371.25 each.

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

The following email communication was sent to each student awarded on February 26, 2021:

Dear (Student First Name Last Name),

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, and was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020.

You will receive an emergency grant to help cover your "Cost of Attendance expenses" related to the challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Cost of Attendance expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. We are disbursing these funds to you on Friday, February 26, 2021. The award is posted to your award letter as "COVID2: COVID CRRSSA Funding" in the amount \$371.25. Per federal legislation, the college cannot use these funds to pay any outstanding balance you may owe the college. The funds must be disbursed directly to you.*

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You do NOT need to apply to receive these funds. We determined your eligibility for these funds by using existing 2020-21 FAFSA or CADAA information and identified students who:

- 1. Have a completed financial aid file (20-21 FAFSA or CADAA and all verification documentation submitted)*
- 2. Are enrolled in at least 6 units for Spring 2021. If your enrollment for Spring 2021 drops below 6 units before these funds are disbursed, it may result in you losing this award.*
- 3. Have an unmet financial need of at least \$5,000. (Unmet financial need is your Cost of Attendance minus your Expected Family Contribution minus your total financial aid awarded.)*

We will use BankMobile to disburse the funds. If you have not received a financial aid refund from Shasta College before, please go to <https://www.shastacollege.edu/cost-financial-aid/disbursement-schedule/> and select "Refund Choices." If you do not set up your BankMobile Refund Choices, you will be paid via check, and it may take 4-6 weeks for the check to be mailed to you.

We are creating a "CRRSSA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II" page on our Shasta College Financial Aid website to answer questions about these funds. Please go to www.shastacollege.edu/fa to view more information. That information will be posted by the end of the week.

If you have additional questions, contact the Shasta College Financial Aid Office at financialaid@shastacollege.edu or 530-242-7650.

*Sincerely,
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**The award was originally posted as \$367.75, but will be adjusted to \$371.25 on the morning of 2/18/21.*

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