



HEERF Student Support Funds Report – October 7, 2021 Amended February 3, 2023

Cochise College received notice of allocation of HEERF funds for the purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students on **April 25, 2020** under the CARES Act. As part of the requirements of receiving funds under the CRRSA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs, the college is required to provide periodic reporting. The first report is due within 30 days of the notice of allocation. Subsequent updates related to this provision are due every 45 days thereafter. Reporting requirements have now been changed to quarterly, with this report due by October 10, 2021.

Reporting requirements include:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Cochise College submitted the Certification and Agreement form on April 16, 2020, documenting the college's assurance that the college would be using no less than 50% of the CARES Act funding for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The college received a notification that the grant was awarded under CARES and funds were available on April 25, 2020. The college received subsequent notification of CRRSA funds were available on January 16, 2021 and ARP funds were available on May 12, 2021.

2. 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 Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Cochise College received a total award of \$8,140,712 from the CARES Act, CRRSA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, CRRSA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of October 7, 2021, the date of this report, the college has distributed all of the emergency financial aid grants under CARES and CRRSA plus a portion of ARP and a portion of the institutional funds to **5,921** students. The total of the student grants distributed was \$5,832,575.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSA and ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Cochise College estimates the total number of students eligible to participate in the Emergency Financial Aid Grants program to be **5,921** students.



5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSA and ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

As stated in item #3, the total number of students that have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants is **5,921**.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSA and ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Cochise College prepared an Administrative Policy 4099 Emergency Financial Aid Grants to document the eligibility requirements. The language for this policy was derived from the Department of Education's guidelines and the FAQs document released April 21, 2020 and was revised on July 7, 2020, when the Department of Education released additional guidance for students enrolled online. The college's policy can be found online at www.cochise.edu/policies.

The policy was revised on September 1, 2020, to increase the amount of the grants for each student that had already received a distribution and for any additional students that applied and was eligible through September 30, 2020.

The policy was again revised on August 27, 2021, to ensure consistency with the eligibility and guidance under ARP.

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

An application form is located on the financial aid page of the college's web site and is linked from multiple locations, including the main page of the college's internal website, message board and the COVID-19 Student Resource page. Notice of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants was sent out through a variety of methods, including emails sent directly to students and placement on the college's portal and web site, social media posts, and the local newspapers. Financial aid staff proactively promoted the grants to those that were eligible.

No application was necessary for CRRSA or ARP distributions.

The college's next update of this report regarding Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students will be published on or before **January 10, 2022**.