

Eastern Arizona College
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Act
Student Grants Program Quarterly Report
As of December 31, 2021

Student Aid, CFDA 84.425E, Grant # P425F200614

(1) Acknowledgement of signed agreement and assurance of use.

Eastern Arizona College (EAC) President Todd Haynie signed the “Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement” Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act” on April 9, 2020 and again accepted the conditions that later followed for the “Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)” and the “American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP)” section (a)(1).

The agreements require EAC to act in the nature of a fiduciary with respect to awarding HEERF emergency grant aid to eligible students and with respect to reporting and audit requirements. EAC makes assurance that the College has used no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a) (1) of all the HEERF Acts to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

(2) Total amount of funds that the institution has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students.

EAC received three waves of HEERF funding from the U.S. Department of Education for making Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students totaling \$6,397,786.

CARES = \$1,111,136

CRRSAA = \$1,111,136

ARP = \$4,175,514

(3) Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students is \$4,740,111. The funds from CARES and CRRSAA has been completely depleted.

CARES = \$1,111,136 depleted

CRRSAA = \$1,111,136 depleted

ARP = \$2,517,839 (balance of \$1,657,675)

(4) The estimated total number of Eastern Arizona College students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

EAC’s Institutional Research Department estimates that there are approximately 1,720 non-duplicative students who may be eligible to apply for an Emergency Financial Aid grant.

(5) Total number of Eastern Arizona College students who have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

As of December 31, 2021, the number of students who have received emergency financial aid grants under CRRSAA and/or ARP is 1,714.

(6) The method(s) used by Eastern Arizona College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is as follows:

EAC identified eligible students and automatically disbursed CRRSAA and ARP Act grants based on the following student information:

1. The first distribution of grants was awarded for \$1,000 to students who have filed a FAFSA and who have been awarded a Pell grant.
2. The second distribution of grants was awarded for \$1,000 to students with an estimated family contribution between \$5,712 and \$9,000 (the cutoff range for Pell eligibility). This encompassed income ranges of approximately \$60,000 to \$128,000 per year.
3. The third distribution of grants was awarded for various amounts based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as filed in a student's current FAFSA and FT/PT enrollment status. Distributions were made utilizing the following method:

Fall 2021 Student Aid Disbursement Amounts		
EFC Range	Up to Full-Time Status	Up to Part-Time Status
< \$5,846	Tier 1 = \$2,500	Tier 2 = \$1,250
\$5,847 - \$24,000	Tier 3 = \$1,250	Tier 4 = \$625
< \$24,001	Tier 5 = \$625	Tier 6 = \$300

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Eastern Arizona College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The grant funds provided by this program are designated for eligible students enrolled at EAC as of March 13, 2020 or thereafter. This funding is intended to provide money to eligible students as a result of the disruption from coronavirus to be used for food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare expenses.

Both part-time and full-time qualified students registered may receive a grant, even if they have already received a previous student aid grant from a prior semester. Due to changing federal regulations, students enrolled exclusively online are now eligible. Students enrolled in prison education or those who have not graduated from high school are not eligible.

In compliance with guidelines, funds awarded were not applied to any student balances owed to the college. Students, who wished to resolve a balance owed to the college, were instructed to contact the Fiscal Control Office at (928) 428-8221.

For questions about this emergency aid grant, students were directed to contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@eac.edu or (928) 428-8287.