

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) Pub. L. 116-260

Quarterly Report to the Secretary for the period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Second Report for HEERF II

On January 16, 2021, NOVA was notified that we were receiving a supplemental award of \$10,014,352.00 pursuant to Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Pub. L. 116-260, which became law on December 27, 2020. The student portion is to be awarded as additional Student Financial Aid Emergency Grants. The allocation formula for Emergency Student Aid funding to institutions of higher education was different than the formula stipulated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748), also known as the CARES Act legislation. However, institutions are required to spend the same dollar amount on student grants under CRRSAA as they were required to spend under the CARES Act.

ED guidance under the CARES Act (HEERF I) encouraged institutions to prioritize students with the greatest need in their awarding. CRRSAA law included a requirement to prioritize need. NOVA awarded first to applicants who had filed the FAFSA and indicated on their application a need to cover any component of the student's cost of attendance or emergency costs due to coronavirus, such as: tuition; food; housing; health care (including mental); childcare.

No student eligibility requirements were included in the law. Students are not required to meet all Title IV eligibility criteria for CRRSAA (HEERF II) as they were for the CARES Act (HEERF I). Students exclusively enrolled in distance education may receive CRRSAA funds. By the end of spring term 2021, the Department of Education had not issued written guidance to clarify whether undocumented, DACA, international students or other immigrants not on a path to citizenship could receive HEERF II funds. In the absence of guidance, NOVA did not award these student groups in this quarter.

CRRSA language around reporting reads: "Recipient must promptly and timely report to the Department on the use of funds no later than 6 months after the date of this award in a manner to be specified by the Secretary pursuant to section 314(e) of the CRRSAA. Recipient must also promptly and timely provide a detailed accounting of the use of funds provided by this award in such manner and with such subsequent frequency as the Secretary may require. Though not required, NOVA provided a quarterly report for January 1 through March 31, 2021 to the Department and on our public website as we have with CARES Act funds to inform all concerned regarding the awarding of CRRSAA Student Emergency Grants.

NOVA has one year from the date the school's supplemental grant was processed, January 16, 2021, to distribute HEERF II funds. As of the end of March 2021, the first quarter of the calendar year, NOVA had awarded \$5,365,828.20 to FAFSA filers and \$804,150 to non-FAFSA filers for a total of \$6,169,978.25 to 5,585 students. From April 1 through June 30, 2021, NOVA awarded an additional \$1,230,105.50 to 849 FAFSA filers and \$580,301.75 to 371 non-FAFSA filers for a total of \$1,810,407.25. Of the total HEERF II allocation, \$2,033,966.50 remains to be awarded after spring term.

Additional information on NOVA's plan to award CRRSAA Student Emergency Grants and on NOVA's response to COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.nvcc.edu/studentemergencyaid/>. Currently NOVA's front page for the college website <https://www.nvcc.edu/> carries a drop down ribbon labeled "Spring 2021, COVID-19 Updates and CARES ACT Reporting" and linked for convenience which states: "No in-person student services are being offered on campus at this time. Click here for remote student services. For CARES Act reporting, please click here. For CARES Act emergency aid application, please click here." The Student Emergency Aid Application is now for CRRSAA.