

Illinois Valley Community College CRRSAA and ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II and III (HEERF II and HEERF III) Student Disbursement Report

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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, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act), signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, provides broad-based economic relief in response to the COVID-19 national pandemic. As part of the ARP Act, institutions of higher education have been provided funds to assist them and their students. Below are the answers to some frequently asked questions.

- The action to increase the CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) grant award for Illinois Valley Community College was approved. Illinois Valley Community College gained access to the additional CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) funding via the G5 Grant Award Notification. The college will continue to acknowledge that the institution intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.
- The action to increase the ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) grant award for Illinois Valley Community College was approved. Illinois Valley Community College gained access to the additional ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) funding via the G5 Grant Award Notification. The college will continue to acknowledge that the institution intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.
- The total amount of funds that the institution will receive, or has received under the CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) student portion was \$686,561.
- The total amount of funds that the institution will receive, or has received under the ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) student portion was \$2,849,314
- Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting (i.e. the first 30-day deadline, and then every 45 days thereafter) as follows:
 - \$1,694,300 was awarded to 2,721 spring 2021 credit seeking students.
- The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.
 - Illinois Valley Community College distributed to 2,721 students

- The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant.
 - 2721 students
- How the institution determined which students did, or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did, or will receive.
 - For the spring 2021 disbursement, Illinois Valley Community College distributed funding to credit students based on number of credit hours enrolled as well as a student's EFC as of May 10, 2021. Based on guidance provided by the Department of Education, students no longer must meet the following eligibility parameters to qualify for CRRSAA funds: Be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. (e.g., be eligible to receive federal financial aid funds such as the Pell Grant, TEACH Grant, Direct Loans, etc.).
- Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants.
 - Illinois Valley Community College shared with the students that the funding provided by the CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) and the ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF II) provides economic relief to students who incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.