

CRRSAA/ARP/SSARP Information

CRRSAA, ARP, and SSARP

1. The Northeast Higher Education District (NHED) consisting of Hibbing Community College, Itasca Community College, Mesabi Range Community College, Rainy River Community College and Vermilion Community College, completed the required certification to receive funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Supplemental Support under the American Rescue Plan (SSARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. NHED has received \$1,351,010 of CRRSAA funds that were distributed to students through Emergency Financial Aid Grants for the 2020-2021 academic year. Additionally, NHED has received \$4,669,050 in ARP funds for the 2021-2022 academic year. As well as \$260,776 in SSARP funds for the 23 Spring semester.
3. As of March 31st, 2022, NHED has distributed \$5,149,575 in ARP emergency grant payments to eligible students through direct grants (\$4,943,700) and application-based grants (\$205,875). NHED has chosen to supplement the Student allocation with funds from the Institutional allocation in the amount of \$480,525 to keep student funding levels consistent between Fall and Spring semesters.
 1. As of 12-31-2021, NHED estimated 1516 students met the eligibility requirements to receive ARP funds for a total of \$4,270,257.
 2. As of 03-31-22, NHED estimated 1667 students met the eligibility requirements to receive ARP funds for a total of \$5,149,575.
 3. 06-31-22, All Student funds have been disbursed. No new funds are available.
 4. As of 09-30-22, All Student funds have been disbursed. No new funds are available.
 5. 12-31-22, All current student funds have been disbursed.
 6. 03-31-23 New SSARP funds have been allocated to Minnesota North College in the amount of \$260,776. Due to the merger of the 5 colleges that comprise the new Minnesota North College. The Department of Education has put a hold on these funds until they merge the individual college accounts into one single account. Criteria is currently being determined for the release of funds to students as soon as these funds are released.
 7. 06-30-23 The new SSARP funds along with additional Institutional allocated HEERF funds for a total of \$552,000 was disbursed to 1104 students in the amount of \$500 per student who were registered for class during the Spring 2023 semester with EFC's below \$15,000.
 8. 06-30-23 HEERF Institutional funds were used to provide financial assistance to students who, during the national emergency, were not able to pay the balance of their expenses due the college. Minnesota North College has used \$1,056,841.21 of these funds to pay student debt owed to the college for students who were enrolled on or after March 13, 2020, through the summer term of 2022.

4. Eligibility criteria for CRRSAA/ARP/SSARP funding was determined based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Office of General Counsel.
 1. As of 12-31-2021, 1516 students have received ARP funding through direct or application-based grants.
 2. As of 03-31-2022, 1667 students have received ARP funding through direct or application-based grants.
 3. As of 06-30-2023, 1104 students have received SSARP funding through direct grants.
 4. As of 06-30-23, 841 students received ARP institutional funding through school debt repayment.

CRRSAA and ARP direct grants were distributed to students with demonstrated need according to their calculated Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by their completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application that was filed during the academic year that they received the grant.

CRRSAA fund, direct grants of \$580 were distributed to 1267 students with EFCs below \$15,000. Of those students, 948 were Pell-eligible and received an additional supplemental award amount of \$500 for a total direct grant of \$1080.

ARP fund, direct grants of \$1425 were distributed to 1667 students with EFCs below \$15,000. Of those students, 1309 were Pell-eligible and received an additional supplemental award amount of \$500 for a total direct grant of \$1925.

The application-based Student Emergency Fund grants are being prioritized to serve students with exceptional need as related to the Cost of Attendance at the College (tuition, food, housing, health care, and childcare) with awards up to \$1000.

*Students with exceptional need were encouraged to contact their Financial Aid Office for information on how to apply for the application-based CRRSAA/ARP emergency funds.

Students experiencing special circumstances financially, that could affect the outcome of FAFSA results, were encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office to find out if adjustments to income on the FAFSA are possible.

Students with questions about receiving direct grant funds may contact the Financial Aid office. Jodi Pontinen 218-550-2537

Update posting: No changes to CRRSAA or ARP. All additional SSARP and previously awarded institutionally allocated HEERF funds were awarded to students based on the criteria above.

Final ARP disbursed 06/30/2022, Final SSARP disbursed 06/30/2023

*No New HEERF Student funds received or disbursed 10/01/23

