

U.S. Department of Education

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) Under Section 314(A)(1) of the ARP Act 2022 Reporting and Disclosure for the Quarter One (Q1) ending March 31, 2022

1. Community College of Aurora (CCA) acknowledges that the institution signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department for the CARES Act (HEERF I), which also serves as the formal acknowledgement and acceptance of subsequent award of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 (CRRSAA) funds. CCA gives the assurance that it has used or intends to use, no less than fifty percent (50%) of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. CCA has received a cumulative amount of **\$ 9,505,512** for HEERF I, II, and III (i.e. CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP) from the Department of Education pursuant to CCA's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid to Students. This funding has been distributed to meet the needs of students that include: a) emergency grant funds ranging from \$200 to \$500 for needed expenses such as food, housing, child care, health care, technology, and course material; b) tuition funding in the amount of \$800.00 per semester or equivalent funds for cash for each semester needs.
3. As of **March 31, 2021**, CCA has awarded \$5,214,000 in grants. Of these awards, CCA has disbursed \$5,214,000 funds to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act.
4. The estimated total number of students at the Community College of Aurora (CCA) eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP is 5,481.
5. As of **March 31, 2021**, 3,529 students have received the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act.
6. CCA uses the following method to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid and/or Relief Fund Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314 (a)(1) of the ARP Act.
 - Applications are date stamped upon receipt and reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Grant awards that will enable continued student enrollment are prioritized
 - Upon receipt of an application for aid the application is reviewed.
 - CCA's Student Intervention and Conduct Coordinator verifies student need, identifies additional information required and gathers any such information and documentation from the applicant via phone and/or email
 - A recommendation for award is made to the Dean of Students, who approves award and forwards Financial Aid
 - CCA's Financial Aid office verifies eligibility requirements under Section 484 of Title IV
 - Financial Aid awards grant to students and Cashier's office processes and disburses awards
7. CCA provides instructions, directions, or guidance to the student concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants as follows:
 - CCA sends out emails, social media and text messages alerting students about the existence of the HEERF.
 - When the students log into MyCCA student account, it alerts students about HEERF Funds availability.
 - The college has also created the URL where student can access information about the application instructions, and any relevant direction regarding the submission of the completed application:
https://ccaurorasurveys.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3W4j92Cp5QeNWaG