

CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)

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. The act requires at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under the CARES Act.

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS UNDER SECTION 314(A)(1) OF THE CRRSAA	AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
Total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students	\$2,806,713
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA	\$1,764,625
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 thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA	6154
Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA	926

Texas A&M University San Antonio used the following method to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under Section 314 (a)(1) of CRRSAA:
Emergency Funds Application process which includes the question of FAFSA completion to help identify eligibility. We have implemented a three tier system to determine award amounts to be distributed directly to students using the following criteria.
1. Low: \$500.00- \$1000.00 (Minor disruption, technology needs for online classes, course materials)
2. Medium: \$1001.00-\$2000.00 (Disruption in living expenses, hour cut at job, medical expense increase)
3. High: \$2001.00-\$8000.00 (Loss of job, family loss of job, major expenses in medical, major expenses in housing)
4. No documentation defaults to: \$500

American Rescue Plan: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERFIII)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. Under the American Rescue Plan Texas A&M University San Antonio intends to use no less than 50% of funds received under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP towards Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS UNDER SECTION 2003(A)(1) OF THE ARP	AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
Total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students	\$9,175,170
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP	\$4,485,446
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 thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP	5890
Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP	3,667

Texas A&M University San Antonio used the following method to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under Section 2003 (a)(1) of the ARP: In accordance with Notice of interpretation regarding period of Allowable expenses for funds administered under the Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEERF) program Federal Register (Fed Register Vol. 86, No 53), students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants to be identified as having exceptional need. As an IHE (Institution of Higher Education) A&M-San Antonio focused on how best to provide student support to keep students enrolled and academically engaged throughout the pandemic using the following awarding criteria:

1. Offer students that withdrew during the onset of the Corona-virus pandemic with support to re-enroll during the summer and persist to the fall with tuition assistance guarantee that equal to half off tuition.
2. In an effort to retain students living on campus and to reduce possible exposure and infection, A&M-San Antonio will offer students an opt-in option to continue to live on campus and receive \$1500 award per term.
3. In an effort to keep students persisting towards graduation, A&M-San Antonio will offer assistance towards paying off student balances incurred after March 2020. These students must meet the minimum requirement for SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress). These students can apply using the emergency aid application process and have the option to pay balance or direct payment to the student.

4. In an effort to ensure student success, A&M-San Antonio will offer students Laptops at a cost of \$500 per student. Students will complete the Emergency Application and select the need for a laptop.
a) Must be currently enrolled at A&M- San Antonio
b) Attend a 2-3 hour digital literacy seminar
c) Return any pending items (loaner laptop and mifi-hot spot) to ITS
d) Sign an agreement form releasing liability to the University for any Issues with the laptop.
Incoming first-year students (Additional Requirement)
Attend a 2- or 4-day intensive program held in the summer that will prepare students academically to become college-ready and prepare for college-level courses.