

Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEERF) II and III Student Reporting Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) American Rescue Plan (ARP)

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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), and signed into law on December 27, 2020. The CRRSAA authorize \$81.88 billion in support of education. HEERF III is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and signed into law on March 11, 2021. The ARP authorizes \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WMed signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the CRRSAA and ARP with the assurance that the medical school will use the applicable amount of funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. On February 3, 2021, the medical school was awarded \$39,282 from CRRSAA to use in support of students. On May 20, 2021, the medical school was awarded an additional \$107,319 from ARP.

Institutions have the responsibility of determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and the development of any instructions or directions that are provided to students about the grant. More information about CRRSAA can be found here, and ARP at with this link.

As of this report, the medical school has not drawn down, or received any funds from CRRSAA or ARP. No monies from these programs have been disbursed to students. The medical school is reviewing the regulations to determine the best distribution of the funds to students. As of this report, 261 students are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA and ARP programs.

Any instructions, directions or guidance for the students will be communicated to the students through emails, student weekly publications and postings on the medical school's website.