



**Quarterly Report on Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II & III: CRRSAA & ARP
Report #4 – December 31, 2021**

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In compliance with Section 314(e) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Whittier College submits this report regarding funds received through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (HEERF III) supplemental award to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The HEERF provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.”

1. Acknowledgment of Funding and Certification

Whittier College acknowledges that it received the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Supplemental Agreement (CFDA/ALN 84.425E) ((a)(1) Student Aid Portion) and that by drawing down the grant funds agreed to be bound by the conditions set forth in the Supplemental Agreement to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Whittier College students.

2. Total Supplemental Awards

Whittier College received a supplemental award of **\$939,775** pursuant to Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA which requires recipient institutions of higher education to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Whittier College subsequently received a supplemental award of **\$2,523,096** pursuant to Section 2003(7) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students in an amount equivalent to the sum of two amounts: 50 percent of the portion of its allocation that is based on formula factors from CRRSAA section 314(a)(1)(A)-(D) and 100 percent of the portion of its allocation that is based on formula factors from CRRSAA section 314(a)(1)(E)-(F).

3. Funds Distributed to Date

As of June 30, 2021, Whittier College disbursed **\$939,775** in CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be disbursed in Fiscal Year 2022.

4. Student Eligibility

The estimated total number of Whittier College students eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA is **413** students.

The number of students eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is currently being finalized with plan to disburse emergency grants in the first quarter of 2022.

5. Number of Student Recipients

Whittier College disbursed Emergency Financial Aid grants to **397** students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program from March 1, 2021 through May 25, 2021. Students were required to positively affirm their preferred method of disbursement: check, direct deposit, or application to their outstanding student account balance.

6. Methods Used to Determine which Students Receive Emergency Aid and How Much

In response to the CRRSAA's requirement to prioritize students with exceptional need, Whittier College restricted Emergency Financial Aid grants to students enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester with an Expected Family Contribution less than or equal to \$7,800 as determined by their Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA). Eligible students totaled 604, however, 191 students who were awarded a special 2021 Whittier College scholarship from a private donor were excluded from consideration. Of the 413 eligible students offered CRRSAA grants, 16 never responded to multiple requests for information and thus forfeited their grants.

The grant amount was determined by:

- Academic Year 2020-2021 Pell Grant status;
- The Expected Family Contribution amount;
- The student's Graduate or Undergraduate status.

Based on these factors, eligible students received a CRRSAA grant up to the amount indicated below:

Student Status	Maximum Grant Amount
Pell Grant Undergraduate Recipients	\$2,500
Non-Pell Undergraduates	\$2,250
Graduate Students	\$2,000

The methodology for the distribution of Emergency Financial Aid grants under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 supplemental award remains in development.

7. Outreach and Instructions to Students

The campus community was informed about Whittier College's Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act award and the eligibility criteria for student grantees via email on February 24, 2021. The information was also posted to the [College website](#). Students eligible for CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid grants were informed through a

subsequent email about the requirements to receive their grant which required the completion of an online form indicating their preferred disbursement method, updating current contact information, and instructions to self-enroll in non-payroll direct deposit if necessary.

A series of reminders were sent to nonresponsive eligible students. The dedicated email address established under the CARES Act grant distribution was renamed heerf@whittier.edu to respond to student questions.

Disbursal of Whittier College's American Rescue Plan of 2021 supplemental award has been delayed as a result of deliberations with the U.S. Department of Education. Information regarding the American Rescue Plan of 2021 supplemental award will be disseminated to students in the first quarter of 2022.