

Hutchinson Community College CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP Student Emergency Financial Aid Grant Report

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides funds to Hutchinson Community College for emergency financial aid grants to students for cost of attendance expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

Hutchinson Community College was allocated \$2,304,535 under the CARES Act. On June 16, 2020, Hutchinson Community College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding and intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under § 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- Hutchinson Community College was allocated \$1,152,268 for emergency financial aid for eligible post-secondary students. The grants are intended to help students cover costs they have experienced as a result of the school closure due to the pandemic. This funding will be allocated through two distribution strategies, including broad distribution and emergency grants.
- The College was allocated an additional \$1,152,268 to help address the significant financial costs as a result of the COVID-19 emergency.

In January, 2021, Hutchinson Community College was allocated another \$2,304,535 under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Hutchinson Community College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding and agreed to provide the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under § 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

- Hutchinson Community College was allocated another \$1,152,268 for emergency financial aid for eligible post-secondary students. The grants are intended to help students cover costs they have experienced as a result of the school closure due to the pandemic. This funding was allocated to students through two distribution strategies, including broad distribution and emergency grants.
- The College was allocated an additional \$1,152,268 to help address the significant financial costs as a result of the COVID-19 emergency.

On May 13, 2021, Hutchinson Community College was allocated an additional \$4,530,970 under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act for emergency financial aid grants to eligible students as defined in the Department of Education's final rule, "Eligibility to Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under HEERF" (May 15, 2021, 86 FR 26608).

Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants

As of July 10, 2021, Hutchinson Community College had awarded CARES funds in the amount of \$1,152,268 to 1220 total students. An estimated total of 1200 Title IV Eligible students were enrolled in a program with on ground attendance on March 13, 2020. Of these 1200 students, 1192 students had

completed a FAFSA, had need based on the federal need definition and demonstrated Title IV eligibility under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965. There has been a small group of students that have returned their CARES Funds citing that they had no expenses related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The college has reviewed and disbursed a few grants in the fall 2020 semester for students. We continued to disburse CARES I funds until exhausted during the Spring 2021 semester.

To determine which students were eligible for the Student Emergency Financial Aid Grant, the institution reviewed every post-secondary student enrolled in a Title IV eligible program on March 13, 2020, at the time of the school moving to online instruction. Any student who met the requirements of Section 484 of the Higher Education Act was deemed eligible for an automatic Student Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

Once all eligible students are paid the grant, the remaining balance will be awarded to students who request additional assistance through an online application that requests the students to document their expenses from six coronavirus criteria (food, housing, course materials, technology, health care & child care). Grants are limited to a maximum of \$2,000 per student.

Total amount of CARES I Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed as of July 1, 2021:

335 Full Pell Grant and No SEOG	\$2,000	\$ 670,000
110 Full Pell Grant and SEOG	\$1,000	\$ 110,000
334 EFC from 1-5576	\$600	\$ 200,400
235 EFC from 5577-16000	\$400	\$ 94,000
140 EFC was 16000 and above	\$375	\$ 52,500
Random amounts for students requesting during spring		\$810
1156 Total Students		\$1,127,710

After March 1 of 2021 Hutchinson Community College disbursed an additional \$24,558 to students to assist with any documented expenses or needs due to COVID.

Total CARES I Disbursed: 1220 students for \$1,152,268

Date Hutchinson Community College received its initial Emergency Financial Aid Grant allocation: June 18, 2020

CRRSAA

As of July 10, 2021 Hutchinson Community College had awarded CRRSAA funds in the amount \$1,151,425 to 1655 total students. An estimated total of 1600 Title IV Eligible students were enrolled in a program with on ground attendance in January of 2021. There has been a small group of students that have returned their CRRSAA Funds citing that they had no expenses related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The college has reviewed and disbursed a few grants in the Spring 2021 semester for students. We continued to disburse CRRSAA funds until exhausted during the Summer 2021 semester.

During the Spring semester of 2021 Hutchinson Community College received CRRSAA Funding and disbursed the following amounts:

670 Students 0 EFC	\$1,000	\$670,000
402 Students 1-5575 EFC	\$600	\$241,200
304 Students 5576-16000 EFC	\$400	\$121,600
279 Students 16000+ EFC	\$375	\$104,625
1655 Students		\$1,137,425

During the Summer Semester of 2021 Hutchinson Community College disbursed CRRSAA Funding and disbursed the following amounts to random students:

14 Students	\$1,000	\$14,000
1669 Total CRRSAA Students		\$1,151,425

All eligible students were provided a check with information about the grant. Information was also posted on the Hutchinson Community College website at www.hutchcc.edu

In the Fall 2021 semester Hutchinson Community College disbursed CRRSAA and ARP funding as follows:

In August 2021, through an online application, students were able to request financial assistance for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care & child care. Grants were limited to a maximum of \$2,450 per student.

550 students	various amounts distributed	\$740,600
--------------	-----------------------------	-----------

In November, 2021 the College identified 3751 students who were enrolled from March 13, 2020 through the fall 2020 semester and had not received any type of emergency financial aid grant. These students were enrolled with us at the height of the pandemic. It was at this time that students and their families were moving home and switching to online classes, dropping classes, losing jobs, getting COVID, and needing child care. Additionally, because our high school students enrolled in our concurrent education classes are not eligible to apply for financial aid they would not have been included in our previous distributions based on PELL or EFC guidelines. Grant amounts were based on the cost of attendance and were distributed to students according to the number of hours in which the student was enrolled during the designated time frame.

1349 students enrolled in less than 6 hours	\$700	\$943,600
2402 students enrolled in 6 hours or more	\$1,000	\$2,402,000

As of December 31, 2021 Hutchinson Community College has disbursed a total of \$6,389,893 in emergency financial aid grants to students.

Date of first report: June 29, 2020

Updated: August 3, 2020

Updated: August 31, 2020

Updated: October 28, 2020

Updated: February 2, 2021

Updated: July 10, 2021

Updated: January 10, 2022