

**Montgomery College CRRSAA Act  
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund  
1st Quarter 2021  
Student Assistance Report**

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**1. Statement of Use**

On April 9, 2020, Montgomery College (MC) received notification that the College was awarded \$10,995,749 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, with no less than fifty percent (\$5,497,875) for Emergency Assistance Aid Grants to students. The guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) stated that these are direct emergency grants for students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus (food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care). The College must prioritize students with the greatest need and the funds may not be used to cover tuition and fees. MC signed the Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act on April 19, 2020, and received the allocation on April 24, 2020.

On February 16, 2021, Montgomery College received notification that an additional \$5,497,875 would be available to award to students through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). CRRSAA removed the requirement that a student must be eligible for Title IV aid to receive financial assistance under the HEERF programs and expanded eligibility to non-degree seeking, non-credit, dual enrollment, and continuing education students. Students exclusively enrolled in distance education may also now receive these funds. CRRSAA requires prioritization of need and can be used to cover any component of student's cost of attendance and emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as: tuition; food; housing; health care (including mental); and childcare. The grant can only be applied to tuition cost with the permission of the student.

**2. Award Amount**

MC received \$5,497,875 for CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

**3. Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of the date of submission.**

As of March 30, 2021, MC has awarded \$0.00. We will begin CRRSA payments in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

**4. The 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 CRRSA Act.**

On February 16, 2021 we estimated 18,769 MC students were potentially eligible to participate in the program based on completion of a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

and enrolled at the institution at the time of or after the COVID-19 declared emergency.

**5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act.**

As of March 30 2021, zero (0) student awards have been made through the student portion of the CRRSA Act Emergency Assistance Grant. We will begin CRRSA payments in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

**6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act.**

NA

**7. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

- All students who received grants received an email notification from the financial aid office regarding the amount of the grant, what it is for, and why they are receiving it.
- The college President announced the receipt of the CRRSAA funds and the application process availability in weekly College updates.
- The MC Office of Communications published the grant information and online application process on the college website.
- The grant availability is also announced through the MC Financial Aid Office's social media platforms.
- Email notifications have been sent to all financial aid applicants with updates regarding the CRRSAA grant application processing and eligibility criteria.
- A special email notification was sent to all dual enrollment students alerting them to the availability of the CRRSAA grant and application process.
- CRRSA Emergency Grant application was posted on March 25, 2021.