

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Reporting

Final Report: Quarter Ending March 31st, 2021

At MSOE, we know that many of our students are facing significant challenges due to the ongoing pandemic. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 Pub L. No 116-94, was passed into law on December 27th, 2020. One aspect of the act was the creation of a second Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF-II). HEERF-II provides funds to institutions for emergency grants to students whose lives have been disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the [HEERF Emergency Grants](#) website to learn more.

CRRSAA requires all colleges and universities participating in the program to provide access to the following information.

- 1. MSOE has received funding as part of CRRSAA via the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. MSOE acknowledges its assurance that it intends to use the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. MSOE's allocation is \$3,379,921 and will use \$1,142,631 to go directly to students.**
- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**
MSOE has received \$1,142,631 to provide Emergency Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA as of the date of submission.**
As of March 31st, 2021, \$1,142,631 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA. Final Report: March 31st, 2021.
- 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 CRRSAA.**
The estimated total number of students at the institutional eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA is 2,112.
- 5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA.**
As of March 31st, 2021, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the CARES act was 2,060. Final Report: March 31st, 2021.
- 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 CRRSAA.**

Per guidance from the US Department of Education, MSOE utilized the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to determine student eligibility based on who had the highest exceptional need. These grants ranged between \$250 and \$1,100, based on the student's EFC and enrollment status (full-time, three quarter time, half-time, and less than half-time) for all eligible undergraduate students from the winter 2021 quarter. \$1,121,469 of the funds were automatically disbursed to all eligible undergraduate students. The small amount of remaining funds, in the amount of \$21,162, will be distributed to eligible students based on expressed needs on a first come first serve basis. *Policy Update 3/12/2021*- After \$5,250 of the remaining amounts were spent, MSOE distributed the outstanding amount (\$15,912) to the neediest eligible students, who are enrolled in spring, are full-time, have the lowest EFC (automatic zero EFC as defined by the FAFSA) and lowest FAFSA income. This was done to spend the funds timely and put them in the hands of students with the greatest need.

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

MSOE distributed the funds to eligible undergraduate students directly deposited to their bank accounts or a check was mailed to the student's home address if direct deposit is not set up with MSOE. The University notified students with an award notification and letter sent to their email account on file explaining the source, intentions, and requirements related to the funds. Students were advised that the funds were federal grants intended to be used for unforeseen expenses that incurred related to the coronavirus pandemic. An example of the award notification can be found below.

Notification to students receiving the grant

Dear Student,

MSOE has received a limited amount of funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSSA) for direct emergency grant payments to some students whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the information provided in your FAFSA, you are eligible for these funds and will be receiving payment. Emergency grants will be directly deposited to your bank account or sent via mail to the address on file if you do not have direct deposit set up with MSOE (please note that checks may take up to 10 business days to arrive). Either way, no action is needed by you. The grant is intended for academically related expenses incurred due to COVID-19. Some examples include expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. Your receipt of these funds will serve as verification that you have financial needs in one or more of these areas.

If you have additional questions please contact the [Financial Aid Office](#).