

CRRSA / HEERF II Student Fund Reporting – 12.31.21

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act was signed in to law. Similar to the CARES Act passed in March 2020, this act included funding to institutions of higher education, referred to as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). This fund provides students with grants to offset the unexpected expenses they may have incurred as campus operations continued to be disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. North Dakota State University received notification of the new CRRSA funds via a supplemental CARES Act Grant Award Notification from the U.S. Department of Education on January 17, 2021. Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA requires the institution to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
2. The amount allocated to North Dakota State University in CRRSA Act Grant funds is \$3,864,163. This amount is designated for emergency financial aid grants for students.
3. Of these funds, \$3,863,800 has been disbursed to students as of December 31, 2021. According to the US Department of Education, students with financial need should be prioritized. Therefore, NDSU prioritized students who submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and who were enrolled for Spring 2021 semester as of February 9, 2021.
4. As of December 31, 2021, 7,798 undergraduate, professional and graduate students representing approximately 65.4% of the census student population received CCRSA Act Grant funding under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act.
5. NDSU must pay CRRSA Act grants directly to students and may only apply the grants toward outstanding institutional charges with the student's written consent.