

**STUDENT AID QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATEIONS ACT of 2021**  
**(CRRSAA) & AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP)**

The Corona Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act or the “Act”), also referred to as HEERF I, was signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020). This Act authorizes the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to provide funds to institutions of higher education, including Ottawa University, in response to the impact of COVID-19. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Further, Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act, directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004(c) to submit a report to the Secretary of Education describing the use of funds distributed under this Act.

Subsequently, on December 7, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriates Act, 2020 (CRRSAA), Pub. Law 116-260 was signed into law, further allowing colleges to award grants to students in financial need. This is sometimes referred to as HEERF II.

The most recent government grant provided to institutions is the American Rescue Plan (ARP), sometimes referred to as HEERF III.

All three funding programs require reporting information. The information below not only fulfills the reporting requirement, but it is also our intent to inform our university community as to the use of these funds. The Quarterly and Annual Reports for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES ACT) can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

**An acknowledgment that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

On April 13, 2020, Ottawa University signed and returned to the Department of Education the required Certification and Agreement assuring that Ottawa intended to disburse funds provided for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The University will continue to comply with all guidance provided by the Department and has used no less than 50 percent (and will modify such percent if mandated at a later time) of award funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid grants to students. This agreement also applies to CRRSAA and ARP.

**The total amount of funds that the institutional will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institutions Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Ottawa University has received \$833, 817 under the CRSAA (a)(1) program and has received \$3,299,081 under ARP for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

**The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).**

As of June 30, 2021, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CRRSAA is \$833,817. The grants under ARP have not yet been dispersed.

**The estimated total number of students at the institutional that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

The number of students eligible is estimated at 1236.

**The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Thus far, only CRRSAA funds have been distributed. A total of 364 have received Emergency Financial Grants with these funds. The ARP funds have not yet been dispersed.

**The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Ottawa University determined eligibility for the CRRSAA emergency student grants based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education. The CRRSAA requires institutions to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need. Although the first grant of emergency funding, issued in April 2020, was limited to students who were residential, Title IV eligible students, CRRSAA and ARP grants no longer have such limits. These funds have more flexibility, and the University was able to look at a wider pool, including non-residential students, as long as those students were students in a higher education institution during the pandemic and had exceptional financial need.

Using the departments guidelines for CRSAA and ARP, the University looked at two “phases” of emergency financial grants to students, both aimed at assisting students in continuing their education. In the first phase, the University identified students who showed an exceptional financial need and identified those who would be unlikely to attend future academic terms in any educational setting due to COVID-19 related financial hardships. These students were awarded grants based on an estimated need. In the second phase, the University identified students who showed an exceptional financial need based on their expected family financial contribution using the most recent FAFSA on file.

The eligibility criteria for ARP is currently in development.

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

Students were informed that the Emergency Financial Grants were being provided from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. They were informed that costs were applicable to their specific situation and may include room, board, insurance, tuition, books, and fees. Students were offered the option of applying the grant to an outstanding balance, paying for future tuition, a combination of those options, or they could provide other direction. It was further explained that the university would need written confirmation before making the disbursement.