

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021 – HEERF II Student Aid Portion Plan

Texas A&M University-Kingsville received additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II) through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021, Public Law 116-260, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on Dec. 27, 2020. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund I (HEERF I) was initially established by the CARES Act, which was passed by Congress and signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020.

1. Texas A&M-Kingsville acknowledges that the university signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. The institution further certifies it will use a minimum of 50% of the funds, or \$3,543,714, received under Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Texas A&M-Kingsville received \$3,543,714 from the Department pursuant to the university's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of September 30, 2021 is \$3,543,525 (Spring 2021).
4. The estimated total number of students at Texas A&M-Kingsville 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 is 4,700.
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 is 3,973 as of the date listed in number 3 above.
6. Texas A&M-Kingsville has awarded individual student grants in the range of \$193 to \$5,000 under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act. There were two methods used to determine which and how much currently enrolled students received Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds. The methods used to determine which and how much students received in CRRSA Act (HEERF II) funds for Spring 2021 are as follows:
 - a. COVID-19 Emergency Grant Application (HEERF I): The student aid portion of the CARES Act funds (HEERF I) was exhausted prior to awarding all COVID-19 Emergency Grant applicants. The university used CRRSA Act funding (HEERF II) to award the remaining CARES Act applicants based on the awarding process established for HEERF I Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - b. Block Grants: The remainder of the student aid portion of the CRRSA Act was awarded as block grants. No application was required for students to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants funded by the CRRSA Act (HEERF II). Texas A&M-Kingsville made the determination that all Title IV eligible students have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and either needed assistance with cost of attendance (COA) components or emergency costs that arose due to the coronavirus; therefore, the university ensured that all eligible students received Emergency Grant Funding. Award amounts were calculated by ensuring that all eligible students who were enrolled for spring 2021 received Emergency Financial Aid Grants, totaling at least \$943, through a combination of the CARES and CRRSA Acts for the enrollment periods from spring 2020 through

spring 2021. Students who had already received emergency financial aid grant funding exceeding \$943, were not awarded CRRSA Act (HEERF II) funds. By awarding all eligible students, including students with exceptional need, Texas A&M-Kingsville fulfilled the requirement of prioritizing students with exceptional need.

7. Instructions provided by Texas A&M-Kingsville to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found on our dedicated webpage: <https://www.tamuk.edu/enrollment-management/finaid/students/covid19-cares-form.html>
8. Texas A&M-Kingsville has continued to pay all of its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures to the greatest extent practicable in compliance with Section 18006 of the CARES Act.