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Central Maine Community College has received the following funds from the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) programs:

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act - \$941,260

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act - \$941,360

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - \$3,579,029

Central Maine Community College has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form that acknowledges the institution's intention to use the amounts received to provide HEERF grants to students.

Distribution of Funds

As of July 10, 2021, Central Maine Community College has distributed \$1,602,616 in HEERF grants to 621 students.

Fund	Awarded	Students	
CARES Act Grant	941,360	480	
CRRSA Act Grant	661,256	296	
ARP Act Grant	0	0	
	1,602,616	621	(unduplicated)

Eligibility and Awarding Methodology

During the spring 2020 and summer 2020 semesters, the following criteria were used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES Act:

- The student had completed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "basic eligibility criteria" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
- 2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
- 3. The student had to be enrolled in spring 2020 courses at CMCC, and was pre-registered for fall 2020 courses at CMCC. Priority consideration was given to students who were also enrolled in a summer 2020 course at CMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **810**. Students were placed into invitation groups based on their spring 2020, fall 2020, and summer 2020 enrollment.

The students in the first invitation group were sent an email on May 19, 2020 to their personal and college email addresses, inviting them to complete the online application. The students

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in the second invitation group were sent an email on May 26, 2020. The students in the third invitation group were sent an email on June 1, 2020. The students in the fourth invitation group were sent an email on June 8, 2020.

During the fall 2020 semester, the following criteria was used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES Act:

- The student had completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "basic eligibility criteria" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
- 2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
- 3. The student had to be enrolled in fall 2020 courses at CMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **708**. Students were sent an invitation on October 13, 2020 and again on November 10, 2020.

During the spring 2021 semester, after the spring 2021 add-drop period ended on February 1, 2021, the application for CARES and CRRSA Act emergency grants was re-opened to all currently-enrolled students. Students were notified in the weekly Mustang Message email. Because the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act removed many of the previous restrictions to student eligibility, an invitation-only system was no longer needed. Students who were currently enrolled for the spring 2021 semester were eligible to apply for funding; a FAFSA was no longer required. The College used a maximum cap per student of \$3,000 per semester.

During the summer 2021 semester, students who are currently enrolled are eligible to apply for funding, using the same modified criteria as during the spring 2021 semester. The maximum cap per student per semester remains \$3,000.

Notification

Students are notified by email within 48 hours of the status of their request for assistance. The notification includes information that the funds will be refunded to the student within the following two weeks. The notification lists the total amount of emergency grant funds that the student has received for each semester.