

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II & III Report – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

April 7, 2022

Southern Technical College (OPE ID: 02278800) received education stabilization funds under Section 314(a)(4) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law No. 116-260 and under Section 2003(a)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Public Law No. 117-2. This Fund Report applies to funds received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II & III which are designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students. Southern Technical College operates three campuses in OPE ID 02278800 under Title IV regulations.

The institution appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students who have expenses related to the coronavirus pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and are distributing them in accordance with the CRRSAA, ARP, and implementation guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s (“Department”) Electronic Notice of Public Posting Requirement of May 13, 2021 (Updated 9/30/2021).¹ For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Reid Allison, CEO, at rallison@southerntech.edu.

The institution was allocated and received \$1,048,584 in Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. All funds had been distributed to students as of July 8, 2021.

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The institution has used, or intends to use, the funds received under Section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA and under Section 2003(a)(4) of the ARP to provide emergency financial aid grants 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 is \$1,747,065.
3. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA and Section 2003(a)(4) of the ARP for the quarter ending March 31, 2022 is \$347,665 (cumulative total through March 31, 2022 is \$1,747,065.)
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under Section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA and Section 2003(a)(4) of the ARP in March 2022 is 830.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA and Section 2003(a)(4) of the ARP for the quarter ending March 31, 2022 is 782 (cumulative total through March 31, 2022 is 1,631 distinct students.)

¹ See: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/05/13/2021-10196/notice-of-public-posting-requirement-of-grant-information-for-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund>

6. The method used by the institution to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA and Section 2003(a)(4) of the ARP is:
 - i. The institution prioritized students with exceptional need, as required by CRRSAA and ARP, by only awarding grants to Pell eligible students.
 - ii. Students were required to complete an “Application and Acknowledgment” shown in Attachment A, in order to receive funds.
 - iii. Pell eligible students who were active or on a leave of absence on February 15, 2021, who were negatively impacted by Covid-19 and therefore eligible for emergency relief, were awarded \$550 each.
 - iv. Pell eligible students who were active or on a leave of absence on September 10, 2021, who were negatively impacted by Covid-19 and therefore eligible for emergency relief, were awarded \$1,000 each.
 - v. Pell eligible students who were active or on a leave of absence on February 14, 2022, who were negatively impacted by Covid-19 and therefore eligible for emergency relief, were awarded \$445 each.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are provided at **Attachment A**.



Application and Acknowledgment for CRRSAA/ARP Grant

STUDENT NAME: _____ CAMPUS: _____

STUDENT ID or LAST FOUR OF SSN: _____ CURRENT PROGRAM: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act (together, the "CRRSAA/ARP") includes funds for emergency financial aid grants to students, and requires Southern Technical College to prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive (or are eligible for) Pell grants. Grants will be determined in part based on the most recent data provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and will be awarded after this Application and Acknowledgment has been completed and submitted.

By initialing and signing below, you certify that the information provided on this document is accurate and that you have read and understood the entire form.

_____ I acknowledge that CRRSAA/ARP grant funds must be prioritized to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive (or are eligible for) Pell grants. If I have no Pell eligibility, I understand that I will most likely NOT be awarded a grant.

_____ I acknowledge that CRRSAA/ARP grant funds awarded to me are to be used for either: 1) any component of my cost of attendance; or 2) emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. These include tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

_____ I acknowledge that these funds, if awarded, will be paid to me by check, and that I will cash/deposit any check within sixty (60) days of the check date. If I fail to cash/deposit the check in that time, the funds may be forfeited and made available to other students.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Campus Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Grant Awarded: _____ Mailed/Picked up Date: _____