

**Vassar College**  
**Report on Required Student Aid and Institutional Portion of HEERF II Funds**  
**The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)**  
**June 2021**

Vassar College reports herein that it has drawn down the full amount of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funding for student grants and institutional needs.

**STUDENT AID PORTION**

The amount of funding the institution received for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-Student Aid is \$917,811.

The total amount of Student Aid funding distributed as of April 15, 2021 to 569 students is \$917,811.

The total number of students at Vassar College who were Pell-eligible and provided with the opportunity to apply for Student Aid is 1,506.

Vassar College determined which students would receive CRRSAA Student Aid Grants and how much they would receive as follows:

Vassar College's Office of Student Financial Services provided a list based on who had completed a FAFSA for the 2020-2021 academic year and successfully satisfied all requirements that apply to Title IV eligibility. A total of 1,506 students were identified as meeting these criteria and being actively enrolled for the Spring 2021 semester.

In an acknowledgement of diverse student experiences and circumstances, we included an option that allowed students to indicate they did not need to apply for Student Aid Grants and would instead leave it in the pool of funds that would be distributed to those in greater need. Referring to federal guidance, we prioritized those who were most in need, based on their Financial Aid Status, Pell Eligibility, Family Income Level, and individual student reports as to how they have been financially impacted. This included an opportunity to provide a narrative to further expound on the needs. We followed a rubric to review applications and assigned to high, medium or low priority in terms of need and the above criteria.

The application and guidance provided to students by Vassar College concerning the Student Aid Grants is available below.

**INSTITUTIONAL PORTION**

The amount of funding the institution received for the Institutional Portion is \$1,850,259.

The total amount of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-Institutional Portion funding distributed as of April 16, 2021 is \$1,850,259.

Vassar's institutional portion was used to fund the following:

--\$39,909 for additional Student Aid Grants to cover emergency costs due to coronavirus.

--\$1,810,350 was applied to Vassar's Institutional Costs associated with coronavirus in various categories as detailed in the form below.

Questions about this report can be directed to:

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# CARES (R 2) Act Student Emergency Aid Grant Application - Student Assistance Due to COVID-19. Due by Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 5pm ET.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021 provides direct emergency cash aid (CARES Grant) to eligible students as noted in the email sent to you. The individual cash grant amount to each student will be based on the number of applications received and the funds available. Please submit your application by Thursday, 3/18//2021 at 5pm ET. We expect to send cash grants to students before the end of April.

The respondent's email (**null**) was recorded on submission of this form.

\* Required

1. Email \*

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2. Full Name \*

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3. 999# \*

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4. Class Year \*

Mark only one oval.

- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How have you specifically been impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19? \*

Check all that apply.

- Housing
- Food
- Healthcare
- Relocation
- Technology
- Other (Expenses that do not fit any of the above)

6. Please briefly elaborate on your response to previous question so we are better able to assess how you have been financially impacted and your exceptional need due to COVID-19. \*

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7. I do NOT need a CARES grant and would like to leave it in the pool of funds that will be distributed to other students who are in need.

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

8. I certify that the information submitted in this application is true and correct. \*

*Check all that apply.*

Yes

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**Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act Sections 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion, 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3), if applicable**

**Institution Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Covering Quarter Ending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of Funds Awarded:** Section (a)(1) Institutional Portion: \_\_\_\_\_ Section (a)(2): \_\_\_\_\_ Section (a)(3): \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Report?**

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Providing additional emergency financial aid grants to students. <sup>1</sup>				
Providing reimbursements for tuition, housing, room and board, or other fee refunds.				
Providing tuition discounts.				
Covering the cost of providing additional technology hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets, or covering the added cost of technology fees.				
Providing or subsidizing the costs of high-speed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment.				
Subsidizing off-campus housing costs due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions.				
Subsidizing food service to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing.				
Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations.				
Campus safety and operations. <sup>2</sup>				

<sup>1</sup> To support any element of the cost of attendance (as defined under Section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) per Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act and the [Interim Final Rule](#) published in the *Federal Register* on June 17, 2020 (85 FR 36494). Community Colleges in California, all public institutions in Washington State, and all institutions in Massachusetts have different requirements due to recent U.S. District Court actions. Please discuss with legal counsel. [HEERF litigation updates can be found here.](#)

<sup>2</sup> Including costs or expenses related to the disinfecting and cleaning of dorms and other campus facilities, purchases of personal protective equipment (PPE), purchases of cleaning supplies, adding personnel to increase the frequency of cleaning, the reconfiguration of facilities to promote social distancing, etc.

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a single class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses.				
Replacing lost revenue due to reduced enrollment.				
Replacing lost revenue from non-tuition sources (i.e., cancelled ancillary events; disruption of food service, dorms, childcare or other facilities; cancellation of use of campus venues by other organizations, lost parking revenue, etc.). <sup>3</sup>				
Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction; or paying additional funds to staff who are providing training in addition to their regular job responsibilities.				
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc.				
Other Uses of (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds. <sup>4</sup>				
Other Uses of (a)(2) or (a)(3) funds, if applicable. <sup>5</sup>				
<b>Quarterly Expenditures for each Program</b>				
<b>Total of Quarterly Expenditures</b>				

<sup>3</sup> Including continuance of pay (salary and benefits) to workers who would otherwise support the work or activities of ancillary enterprises (e.g., bookstore workers, foodservice workers, venue staff, etc.).

<sup>4</sup> Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the “Explanatory Notes” section. Please note that costs for Section 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion funds may only be used “to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus, so long as such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship.”

<sup>5</sup> Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the “Explanatory Notes” section. Please note that costs for Sections 18004(a)(2) and (a)(3) funds may only be used “to defray expenses, including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, payroll incurred by institutions of higher education and for grants to students for any component of the student’s cost of attendance (as defined under section 472 of the HEA), including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.”