

University of South Carolina – Aiken
CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
HEERF II
Report as of September 30, 2021
FINAL

Acknowledgement and Assurances

The University of South Carolina - Aiken acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

CRRSAA Act Funding

The University of South Carolina – Aiken received the following funding for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act.

CRRSAA Act Funding	Total Allocation	Minimum Allocation to Emergency Financial Aid Grants	Institutional Portion
University of South Carolina - Aiken	\$ 5,107,433	\$ 1,532,706	\$ 3,574,727

Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

CRRSAA Act Funding	Total Disbursements to Date
University of South Carolina - Aiken	\$ 1,532,706

Total # of Students Eligible

CRRSAA Act Funding	Total # of Eligible Students
University of South Carolina - Aiken	2,153

Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants - Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act

CRRSAA Act Funding	Total # of Students Receiving Aid
University of South Carolina - Aiken	2,153

Methodology for Emergency Financial Aid Grants Under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act

To receive a HEERF II Federal Grant for the 2021 spring term, students must have been enrolled for the current term and must have completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Based on additional guidance provided by the US Department of Education as to what populations of students can receive these federal grants, UofSC Aiken developed the following plan for awarding and disbursing the funds.

Student Populations Excluded from the Distribution:

- Students who did NOT complete a FAFSA
- Students enrolled as Non-degree
- International/DACA Students
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All other students were awarded emergency grant amounts based on 1) Pell eligibility and 2) enrollment status.

In mid-July 2021, any HEERF II funding that had been declined or not accepted by the April 31, 2021, deadline in the initial awarding process was reallocated to students who;

- were enrolled full-time (12 credit hours) in the 2021 Spring term, AND
- received a 2020-2021 Federal Pell Grant in the 2021 Spring term, AND
- accepted a HEERF II award in the 2021 Spring term, AND
- were enrolled and received Pell for the 2021 Summer term

This additional award was \$434 per eligible student. The funds can be used to cover any component of the cost of attendance (tuition, books, living expenses, etc.) or emergency costs that may have arisen due to the coronavirus.

Instructions, Direction and Guidance to Students about CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants

Information and direction provided to students about the CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found on the Financial Aid website at the following link:

[CARES Act Funding - UofSC Aiken \(usca.edu\)](https://usca.edu/cares-act-funding)