

ARP INFORMATION

The following information is given to provide public disclosure and to assure compliance with the United States Department of Education requirements related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

Crowley's Ridge College Response for ARP

1. Crowley's Ridge College is pleased to report that we are participating in the ARP established by Congress. We have signed and returned the Department of Education's Certification and Agreement that we intend to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The ARP provides a new formula for the amount of (a)(1) funds that must be used for financial aid grants to students in the Minimum Amount for Student Aid Portion. \$363,703 was the amount that is available for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. Crowley's Ridge College has distributed \$363,703 to students eligible for these grants.
4. Crowley's Ridge College has 145 students who are eligible. Students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from the HEERF, regardless of whether they completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or are eligible for Title IV. As under the CRRSAA, institutions are directed with the ARP funds to prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or are undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances in awarding emergency financial aid grants to students. Beyond Pell eligibility, other types of exceptional need could include students who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses, such as the loss of employment (either for themselves or their families), reduced income, or food or housing insecurity. In addition, the CRRSAA and ARP explicitly state that emergency financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education provided the institution prioritizes exceptional need. 145 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the ARP.
5. Crowley's Ridge College determined that all eligible students needed Emergency Grants for emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Each student then received an emergency financial aid grant of \$1500.00 (total of \$217,500.00) on Monday, May 17, 2021. These grants were handed out or mailed.
6. Crowley's Ridge College made additional emergency financial aid grants for financial hardships available through an application process that was emailed to each student. To be considered for this additional grant, the completed application was to be returned to the Financial Aid Office at CRC by June 1, 2021. From these applications, a committee determined the additional emergency financial aid amounts. Fifty five students returned these applications and these additional emergency financial grants were given (total of \$146,203.00) on Monday June 7, 2021. These grants were handed out or mailed.