

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP)
HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF III)**

January 10, 2022

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 which was signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

Institutions which received HEERF I Grant Funds under the CARES Act were not required to apply for the HEERF III Grant. Rather, "the terms, conditions, and requirements governing the institution's use of these supplemental grant funds awarded pursuant to section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2) (supplemental award or grant) by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) are governed by section 2003 of the ARP and 314 of the CRRSAA (Pub. L. 116-260) and the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Agreement". Nashua Community College received notification of HEERF III (ARP) Grant Funding May 13, 2021 and acknowledges that the full amount of \$1,474,037.50 allocated for "financial aid grants to students (which may include students exclusively enrolled in distance education), which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care" will be used for this purpose.

HOW MUCH IN EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS?

As of	Total Amount Disbursed	Total Number of Students
January 10, 2022	\$1,024,240.99	315
October 10, 2021	\$844,981.99	254
July 10, 2021	\$206,460.50	72

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS?

NCC will follow ARP requirements that all "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.

As of	Estimated Number of Eligible Students
June 8, 2021	965

HOW WILL NASHUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS RECEIVE FUNDS?

The same application content and awarding scale will be used as the CRRSA application. NCC notified students via email, Student Information System (SIS), and college website of availability of funds and application process. This awarding scale emphasizes exceptional need and is based on number and type of selected categories and enrollment if tuition and fees are selected.

Applicants were given the two options and instructions below:

“Select a payment option in the event you are awarded.

Option 1: Apply to my student account to pay tuition, fees, books for any semester(s) beginning after December 27, 2020; (For LRCC & NHTI students only - will also apply to room & board charges.)

Excess funds will be refunded via check (mailed to address on file) or direct deposit.

Option 2: Pay directly to me via check (mailed to address on file) or direct deposit. Do not apply to my student account.

If you are awarded ARP financial assistance and have chosen the direct payment method, the fastest way to receive funds is through direct deposit; If you have not previously set up DD, copy and paste the following link into a new window, and follow the instructions: How to Sign up for Electronic Refunding <https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds/>.”

If direct deposit was not set up, HEERF III funds were mailed to students at the permanent address on file at the College.