

CRRSA ACT

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND II REPORTING – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

Autry Technology Center provided the same amount in financial aid grants to students from the new CRRSAA funds that it was required or which it would have been required to provide under its original Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT) Student Aid Portion award as was required in Section 314(d)(5) of CRRSAA under section 34(a)(1).

Student portion funds were used to provide financial aid grants to students 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 childcare. Autry Technology Center prioritized grants to students with exceptional need.

Autry Technology Center signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and assures that Autry has used, 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.

The total amount of funds that Autry received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSA Act – HEERF II was \$153,677.00. Autry used the monies for eligible students enrolled in the 2020-2021 school year.

The estimated total number of students at Autry eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSA Act – HEERF II was 271.

The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSA Act – HEERF II was 265.

Distribution of the disbursement of the student grant was determined by need priority of Pell eligible students with an Estimated Family Contribution equal to zero, (48 students received \$642 per student). A straight proration calculation was used for the remainder of all eligible postsecondary students enrolled in an approved program, (217 students received \$567 per student). Autry provided an additional \$178 to the disbursement of the Student Portion of the grant so that the prorated student disbursement amount was rounded up to the nearest dollar.

The methodology used by the Department of Education to determine Autry's allocation only included Pell, and Cohort FT and HT students from IPEDS.

Following are the instructions, directions and guidance provided by Autry to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

- Students were contacted and given an application in person by a Student Services employee.

Eligible students completed and signed an application certifying that he/she had expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Corona Virus and certified they were a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen. Students also checked all expense categories that applied:

- Tuition
- Technology Expenses
- Course Materials
- Housing
- Food
- Child Care
- Health Care

The following self-certification statement was listed on the student application.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I, (Print full name) _____, attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am a US Citizen or eligible non-citizen, that relief funds provided by the CARES Act stimulus will be used solely for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations at Autry Tech due to coronavirus (including but not limited to tuition, food, housing, health care, child care and course-related materials or services such as technology) and that all information provided as part of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

The application was available at Autry for the student to complete, verify and sign.

The application was completed and signed before the check was made available to the student. The completed applications will be scanned to a network folder online for safekeeping. The actual applications will be kept in the business office.