

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II under the Coronavirus Response and Relief  
Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021(CRRSAA), Section 314 of the Consolidated  
Appropriations Act, 2021  
Student Emergency Fund – FINAL REPORT  
September 30, 2021**

Owens Community College acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the use of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020 to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds to support students. This law has some similarities—as well as important differences—from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that was enacted on March 27, 2020.

Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires prioritization of students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants. In addition, the CRRSAA explicitly provides that financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education.

Automatic awards were provided to students based on students with actual credit hours for Spring 2021 greater than zero, a citizen or eligible non-citizen, has a confirmed identity on file, a regular student, not non-matriculating for Spring 2021, and an expected family contribution as determined by the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 FAFSA to prioritize students demonstrating exceptional financial need.

Students that did not receive an automatic award or wish to request additional funds were able to complete an application. Students may apply one time only and up to the maximum award of \$500.

As of September 30, 2021 for HEERF II, Owens Community College has made 2,979 automatic awards to students totaling \$1,329,600. The College has made 1,303 awards to students totaling \$639,293 by way of an application. In total the College has allocated 4,282 awards to students expending 100% of the funding provided under CRRSAA, \$1,968,893.