

Colorado Northwestern Community College
ARP/HEERF III Student Report
March 31, 2022

The Department would like to receive the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public quarterly.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends 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.
 - *Colorado Northwestern Community College signed the assurance on April 20, 2020, submitted on April 22, 2020, and received the funds on April 29, 2020.*
 - *In accordance with the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021 Supplemental Agreement (CFDA 84.425E) ((a)(1) Student Aid Portion). By drawing down these grant funds, you agree to be bound by the conditions set forth on the behalf of the institution you represent. Grant notification was signed on January 19, 2021. The Department required no other agreement.*
 - *In accordance with the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP) Authorizing Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) signed into law March 11, 2021.*
2. The total amount of HEERF III funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Grants to Students.
 - *\$803,426 minimum will be used for ARP Emergency Grants to Students.*
3. The total amount of Emergency Grants distributed to students under Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2) as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the quarterly reporting date).
 - *As of March 31, 2022, Colorado Northwestern Community College has disbursed \$796,151 to students.*

4. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Grant under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) (HEERF III).

- *As of March 31, 2022, 698 students have received ARP money.*

5. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP Act. For the spring 2022 semester the method for the ARP funds were as below:

- *Colorado Northwestern Community College recognizes that all students have some amount of need during this economic time. Colorado Northwestern Community College is a rural college with residence halls where most of our students reside, this is an expense that commuter campuses do not have. The CRRSAA funds were distributed using the following formula:*

<i>\$1000</i>	<i>Students enrolled in 20 or more credits</i>
<i>\$900</i>	<i>Students enrolled in 16 – 19 credits</i>
<i>\$800</i>	<i>Students enrolled in 12 – 15 credits</i>
<i>\$700</i>	<i>Students enrolled in 9 – 11 credits</i>
<i>\$500</i>	<i>Students enrolled in 6 – 8 credits</i>
<i>\$300</i>	<i>Students enrolled in 1 – 5 credits</i>

- *The financial aid office pulled a list of all students enrolled during the spring 2022 semester and based the award amount by the number of credits the student was enrolled in. The students were able to “opt in” to have the funds applied to their student accounts receivable account, if they did not “opt in” the money was refunded to them.*
- *At the beginning of the fall 2021 semester one student was awarded an emergency ARP grant in the amount of \$1,000 before the criteria for the funds were completed.*

6. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the ARP Emergency Grant.

- *An email was sent to the students’ school email account informing them of the grant.*