Bismarck State College (BSC) received HEERF II/CRRSAA funds January 17, 2021. The Bismarck State College HEERF II/CRRSAA funds is published no later than 10 days after the calendar quarter. Last updated: June 30, 2021.

1. BSC received the Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education for HEERF II/CRRSAA funding through the Grant Award Notification system. The college will use the authorized funding for the CRRSAA Student Grant portion to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. BSC received $457,033 from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. As of June 30, 2021, BSC has distributed $457,033.00 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

4. BSC has determined that at least 3,514 students at the institution are eligible to participate in student emergency grants as defined by Department of Education CRRSAA HEERF II Section 314(1)(1) Frequently Asked Questions.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under HEERF II/CRRSAA is 615 as of June 30, 2021.

6. To determine which students were eligible and identify those with the most exceptional need, BSC pulled a list of all Pell-eligible students to receive an automatic distribution of funds. Remaining funds were then used to establish a student application process for those who were experiencing exceptional need. BSC students received an email (see below) alerting them to their eligibility for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants with a link to the online form we asked that they complete.

7. Students were emailed with emergency grant information and a link to a simple online form to indicate their emergency needs. A notice was also posted at bismarckstate.edu/coronavirus with the same information. A committee of 11 BSC faculty and staff established guidelines and process for awards, and a three-member committee reviewed each application and determined amounts granted in accordance with the established guidelines and according to Education Department guidance. Students who qualified were issued a payment through the BSC Student Finance office in conjunction with BankMobile, the Third-Party bank that partners with BSC to deliver funds to students.

Email sent to BSC Students:
From: Kaylyn Bondy, Vice President for Student Affairs
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:24 PM
Subject: Student COVID-19 Emergency Grants Application

Dear BSC Student:
If you are a current BSC student and have experienced expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for emergency financial assistance through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021. Such expenses could include:
- Food
- Housing
- Course Materials
- Healthcare
- Childcare
- Technology
- Tuition

Bismarck State College has received funds from the US Department of Education to assist students with emergency grant funding. To apply for assistance, fill out the application at the link below. If you have any questions, please contact the BSC Foundation at 701-224-5700. HEERF-II/CRRSAA Student Emergency Grant Application Form

KAYLYN BONDY
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