

**University of South Carolina – Columbia**  
**CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**  
**HEERF II**  
**Report as of June 30, 2021**

**Acknowledgement and Assurances**

The University of South Carolina - Columbia acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

**CRRSAA Act Funding**

The University of South Carolina – Columbia received the following funding for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act.

<b>CRRSAA Act Funding</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>Minimum Allocation to Emergency Financial Aid Grants</b>	<b>Institutional Portion</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	\$ 31,224,416	\$ 10,707,565	\$ 20,516,851

**Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

<b>CRRSAA Act Funding</b>	<b>Total Disbursements to Date</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	\$ 10,702,314

**Total # of Students Eligible**

<b>CRRSAA Act Funding</b>	<b>Total # of Eligible Students</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	15,926

**Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants - Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act**

<b>CRRSAA Act Funding</b>	<b>Total # of Students Receiving Aid</b>
<b>University of South Carolina - Columbia</b>	15,926

## **Methodology for Emergency Financial Aid Grants Under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act**

### **Financial Aid Plans for Emergency Aid Distribution (Approved):**

To fulfill the Department of Education's guidance, UofSC issued grants to students across all student levels as determined by the FAFSA, with amounts ranging from \$400 to \$800. Pell Grant recipients received \$800 and all other eligible students received \$400. Different from previous guidance within the CARES Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 allows students who are enrolled exclusively in online programs to receive assistance.

In early June, any HEERF II funding that had been declined or not accepted by awardees was reallocated to students who accepted an initial HEERF II award and maintained eligibility for Title IV federal student financial aid. This additional award was \$183 per recipient.

The grants were awarded to students that met the following criteria:

- UofSC has received an official 2020-2021 FAFSA of April 12, 2021
- Enrolled as degree seeking for spring 2021 term as of April 12, 2021
- Meet Title IV Federal Financial Aid eligibility requirements
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements

The award notice sent to each will explain the purpose of the CRRSAA funds awarded to them and the process by which they can accept or decline them. Awards will be made to students via the already-established aid awarding process. These awards will be refunded regardless of any balance on the students' account, per statute. Refunds will be sent via direct deposit or paper check, depending upon the student's already-chosen method with the Bursar's Office.

### **Instructions, Direction and Guidance to Students about CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

Information and direction provided to students about the CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found on the Financial Aid website at the following link:

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/grants/federal\\_grants/heerfii/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/grants/federal_grants/heerfii/index.php)