



## Student Emergency Fund

Report through 12/31/2021

Initial grant application submission: 04/21/2020

U.S. Department of Education - Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF)

### INTRODUCTION

Delta College's Emergency Fund was created in May 2020 to provide assistance to students for expenses and financial emergencies related to the coronavirus pandemic. It will help students stay in college and meet their educational goals, ultimately, securing a better financial future. Grants to students are intended to go DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, as reflected on the application.

This information is posted on the College's public website and will be continue to be updated every quarter (90 days).

### REPORTING

#### 1. Certification and Agreement

Delta College acknowledges that it signed and returned its Certification and Agreement document on April 21, 2020 to the U.S. Department of Education. We assure that we will be using these funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

#### 2. Total Funding Received

Delta College has been allocated \$14,637,406 specifically designated to be utilized for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, as awarded below.

- PR/Award number: P425E202826
  - \$2,573,303 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - To provide direct support to students from 04/25/2020 to 04/24/2021
- PR/Award number: P425E202826 Supplemental Award
  - \$2,573,303 - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSAA) Act
  - To provide direct support to students from 04/25/2020 to 04/24/2021
- PR/Award number: P425E202826
  - \$9,490,800 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
  - To provide direct support to students from **04/25/2020 to 05/11/2022**

Additionally, Delta College received dollars to support its institution, which can also be allocated to support students as well. That includes funding from the following source, which was accessed for student grants:

- PR/Award number: P425F203939
  - \$2,573,303 – Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - To provide institutional support to Delta College from 06/11/2020 to 06/10/2021



### **3. Total Distributed To Date**

Delta College has distributed a total of \$10,182,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as of the date of this report. \$5,364,800 was awarded prior to 03/31/2021 under CARES regulations and an additional \$1,532,800 was awarded in the quarter ended 06/30/2021 under CRRSAA and ARPA award guidance. Finally, \$3,284,400 was awarded under ARPA guidance in the quarter ended 12/31/2021. The total \$10,182,000 in awards was funded from the following sources:

- \$2,573,303 from #P425E202826 (student direct support) – CARES Act 04/25/2020 to 04/24/2021 (*the original award of \$2,573,303 is now fully expended*)
- \$350,276 from #P425F203939 (institutional support) – CARES Act 06/11/2020 to 06/10/2021 (*the \$2,573,303 original CARES grant is now fully expended*)
- \$2,573,303 from #P425E202826 (student direct support) – CRRSAA Act 01/01/2021-01/14/2022 (*the \$2,573,303 original CRRSAA grant is now fully expended*)
- \$1,400,718 from #P425E202826 (student direct support) American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) 04/25/2020 to 01/14/2022
- \$3,284,400 from #P425E202826 (student direct support) American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) 04/25/2020 to 05/11/2022

### **4. Estimated Number of Eligible Students**

Delta College determined there were 22,505 students (duplicated) eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF). Delta College identified:

- 5,595 eligible students in Winter 2020, Spring 2020 and fall 2020, were identified according to the original CARES Act guidance
- 6,643 eligible students were identified for the Winter 2021 semester, according to CRRSAA guidance. 18 additional students were subsequently awarded for the winter semester when Spring 2021 awards were distributed. These were international students that were initially excluded since the College was unable to verify citizenship. Under ARP guidance these students became eligible to receive a grant payment.
- 3,216 students were identified for the Spring 2021 semester, according to CRRSAA and ARPA guidance.
- 7,033 students were identified for the fall 2021 semester, according to ARPA guidance.

### **5. Number of Student Awards**

Delta College issued awards of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds to the following number of students in the time periods noted below. Please note that these numbers contain some duplicated students that received awards in more than one of the time periods.

- 2,543 students prior to 12/31/2020
- 6,643 students from 01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021
- 3,234 students from 04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021
- 0 students from 07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021
- 7,033 students from 10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021



## 6. Determination/Selection Method Used

According to the updated guidance pertaining to Emergency Financial Aid Grants now awarded under CRRSAA and ARP, all students no longer had to meet the Title IV eligibility requirements, as they did under CARES.

Delta College utilized its enterprise wide system, Ellucian, to help identify students who are eligible to receive HEERF student aid funding. In the first quarter of 2021, Delta College developed the award structure below which prioritizes students based upon their financial need. It also aligns with the known U.S. Department of Education guidance under CRRSAA and ARP, which has been received to date.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (ended December 31, 2021), a total of 7,033 students received funding totaling \$3,284,400, which were awarded to the following categories of students:

- \$1,437,600 (1,797 students x \$800 each)
  - Students with a \$0 EFC (Expected Family Contribution) figure on their FAFSA, receive \$800 each. These students have the highest financial need and are eligible to receive full Pell grants, according to the Department of Education.
- \$709,200 (1,182 students x \$600 each)
  - Students who are eligible for a Pell grant, with an EFC amount that falls above \$0 but within the Pell range, receive \$600 each.
- \$653,600 (1,634 students x \$400 each)
  - Students whose FAFSA EFC was too high for a Pell grant award, but who may be eligible for other forms of financial aid, such as loans, receive \$400 each.
- \$484,000 (2,420 students x \$200 each)
  - All other students who did not complete a FAFSA, or have no EFC calculation, receive \$200 each.

As allowed under the ARP regulations, all categories of students were considered in our needs evaluation and granted awards. The only population of students that we have deemed ineligible are incarcerated students currently enrolled through the Second Chance Pell program.

- Based upon the criteria outlined above, award amounts were added onto student accounts utilizing a separate AR Code so that it would not get comingled with Tuition and Fee balances that a student might owe.
- Students were sent an email, outlining the emergency grant to follow and the content of that message is included in item #7 on the next page.
- Student Billing staff subsequently mailed paper checks to students who were selected to receive grants.



## 7. Student Communications

Provide any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The message below was sent out to students for the fall semester:

**From:** Financial Aid Office <[finaid@delta.edu](mailto:finaid@delta.edu)> <[finaid@delta.edu](mailto:finaid@delta.edu)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 1, 2021 10:46 AM

**Subject:** Emergency Relief Funding Approved



Delta College received federal funding from the American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are pleased to provide you with a grant in the form of a check, which will be mailed to you by the end of October 2021 at the address Delta College has on file for you.

Please log into your student account to verify the accuracy of your address information. If you need to make a change, please [submit a change of address form](#)

You may use these funds to assist with the cost of attending college or for emergency costs that may arise due to Coronavirus; examples would include tuition, books, food, housing, technology, healthcare and childcare.

Thank you

Financial Aid Office  
989-686-9080  
[finaid@delta.edu](mailto:finaid@delta.edu)

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Delta College also developed a public website page, which explained the student emergency grants and included a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The content of that site can be found on pages 5 and 6.



<https://www.delta.edu/coronavirus/student-emergency-fund.html>

## EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Delta College received funding to provide emergency grants to students. The dollars are to help offset the costs associated with attending college or for emergency costs such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.

Qualified students will not need to do anything to receive these funds, which will be distributed by check. The dollars come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal grant.

In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, Delta College will distribute this federal emergency grant funding for eligible students in the following manner:

- Students with a \$0 EFC (Expected Family Contribution) figure on their FAFSA, receive \$800 each. These students have the highest financial need and are eligible to receive full Pell grants, according to the Department of Education.
- Students who are eligible for a Pell grant, with an EFC amount that falls above \$0 but within the Pell range, receive \$600 each.
- Students whose FAFSA EFC was too high for a Pell grant award, but who may be eligible for other forms of financial aid, such as loans, receive \$400 each.
- All other students who did not complete a FAFSA, or have no EFC calculation, receive \$200 each.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who is eligible?

In order to be eligible to be considered to receive funds, Delta College students must have been enrolled in the fall semester, as of September 7, 2021.

### How can I use the funds?

Students may use these funds for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Examples include tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare etc.



## **I did not complete the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Can I still qualify for this funding?**

Not for the fall semester. The ARPA Act does not require filing of the FAFSA form in order to be eligible to receive emergency grant funds. However, award amounts to students for fall 2021 were determined based on the College's records as of September 7, 2021. We encourage you to complete a FAFSA if you haven't already done so in the event that additional awards may be distributed in future semesters.

## **Are dual enrolled or early college students eligible for this funding?**

Yes. Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), dual enrolled and early college students are eligible to receive emergency grant funds.

## **If the grant amount received did not meet the expenses I incurred, can I apply for additional funds?**

Additional funds will not be made available under an application process at this time.

## **How and when will I receive the funds?**

The ARPA Act grants will be processed by the Delta College Finance department and a check will be mailed to you during October 2021 at the address Delta College has on file for you. Please log into your student account to verify the accuracy of your address information. If you need to make a change, please submit a [change of address form](#).

## **What if I owe Delta College for tuition or other expenses?**

The full amount of the ARPA Act grants will be given directly to the student and will not pay outstanding balances owed to the College. These funds cannot be used toward any outstanding balances without the student's consent. Any outstanding balance owed will remain the responsibility of the student.