

Mt. San Antonio College
CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grant Recommendations
March 1, 2021

OVERVIEW

With the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signing into law on December 27, 2020, Mt. SAC was allocated a total of \$34,267,707 with \$8,728,980 be distributed directly to students with exceptional financial need as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to help cover allowable expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unlike the CARES Act, students are not required to meet Title IV eligibility to receive CRRSAA funds. Based on current federal guidelines, any enrolled students who are working on a degree or certificate program of study are eligible to receive the CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants. However, international and undocumented students are not eligible due the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, which prohibits certain noncitizens from receiving federal benefits, applies to CRRSAA Emergency funds, making DACA, undocumented, and international students ineligible. The CCC Chancellors Office Government Relations and Office of General Counsel is researching to determine if the CARES Act preliminary injunction extends to the CRRSAA. Mt. SAC will continue to monitor the CO communication platform for any updates or guidance.

ALLOWABLE USES

Students may use the grants toward:

- Any component of their cost of attendance
- Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as:
 - Tuition
 - Food
 - Housing
 - Health care (including mental)
 - Child care

RECOMMENDED ACTION PLANS

As outlined in the Grant Agreement, Mt. SAC is required to prioritize CRRSAA grants to students with exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants. Mt. SAC will take an inclusive approach to make CRRSAA funds accessible to all enrolled students based on current federal guidelines. This includes students with U.S. Citizenship and permanent residency status enrolling in a degree or certificate program of study, who may or may not have applied for financial aid. To accomplish this, we recommend batch grant distribution be designated into 2 Tiers and continue our student engagement and outreach efforts to support students during this unprecedented time.

TIER I BATCH DISTRUTION - Pell Grant Eligible Students: Completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA and deemed eligible for Pell Grant.

- Approximately 9,434 students as of 2/24/2021 (*Refer to enclosed TIER I Grid*).
- Provide \$150 to \$1,200 Grants to students based on their Unmet Need and enrollment load for the spring 2021 term.

- Estimated total TIER 1 = \$7,144,834

TIER II BATCH DISTRIBUTION - Non-Pell Grant Students: Completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA and deemed not eligible for Pell Grant.

- Approximately 6,761 students as of 2/24/2021 (*Refer to Enclosed Data References TIER II Grid*).
- Provide \$50 to \$800 Grants to students based on their Unmet Need and enrollment load for the spring 2021 term.
- Estimated total TIER II = \$2,608,961

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT EFFORT- Internal Referral Process: Available to all enrolled students meeting current federal grant requirements as indicated above.

- The Mt. SAC Campus Community (staff, faculty, managers) will receive an email communication with details and instructions on the Emergency Grant referral process.
- Enrolled students encountering financial hardship may be referred by a Mt. SAC staff, faculty or manager to be considered for the emergency grants.
- Grant amounts will vary based on the student's extenuating circumstances.
- A Student Emergency Grant application will be completed documenting the student's exceptional financial need

OUTREACH/INREACH EFFORT – Student Self-Referral Process for Non-Financial Aid Students: Enrolled but have not completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA

- Identify enrolled students who have not completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA and send email communication with direct link to the online Emergency Grant application to self-certify their financial need for emergency grants and encourage students to also complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA.
- Grant amounts will vary based on the student's situation and financial need.

RECOMMENDED PROCESS

- Clarification of total funds available for primary, initial disbursement
- Confirmation of end date to disburse student emergency grant funds
- Financial Aid will work with Fiscal Services to create 2 new Fund Codes for CRRSAA funding – FCRSAS (Student Portion) and FCRSAI (Institutional Portion).
- Financial Aid will batch process the Emergency Grants to the students in TIER and TIER II, if formula is approved, to total \$9,753,795 (est)
- Financial Aid will work with Marketing to announce the Emergency Grant distribution timeline ("Check your Mountie Mail") and promote BankMobile Refund Selection.
- Financial Aid will send an email communication to students notifying them of their Emergency grants and encouraging students to activate and make a BankMobile refund selection to avoid any delays in receiving funds.
- Financial Aid will continue to monitor for additional guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and the CCC Chancellors Office.
- Financial Aid will continue to evaluate additional students for the Emergency Financial Aid Grant eligibility as necessary.

DATA REFERENCES

TIER I BATCH DISTRIBUTION GRID

TIER I					
Pell Grant Students as of 2/24/2021					
	FT (12 or more units)	TT (9 to 11.9 units)	HT (6 to 8.9 units)	LTHT (0.5 to 5.9 units)	
\$20,001 => Unmet Need	10	10	17	24	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$1,000	\$500	
	\$12,000	\$11,000	\$17,000	\$12,000	
\$10,001 - \$20,000 Unmet Need	2027	1093	1144	991	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$400	
	\$2,027,000	\$983,700	\$915,200	\$396,400	
\$5,001 - \$10,000 Unmet Need	1853	788	658	375	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$800	\$700	\$600	\$300	
	\$1,482,400	\$551,600	\$394,800	\$112,500	
\$1 - \$5,000 Unmet Need	371	40	20	11	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$150	
	\$185,500	\$16,000	\$6,000	\$1,650	
\$0 Unmet Need	2	0	0	0	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Estimated Expenditure	\$3,714,663	\$1,567,331	\$1,337,539	\$525,301	\$7,144,834

TIER II BATCH DISTRIBUTION GRID

TIER II					
Non-Pell Grant Students as of 2/24/2021					
	FT (12 or more units)	TT (9 to 11.9 units)	HT (6 to 8.9 units)	LTHT (0.5 to 5.9 units)	
\$20,001 => Unmet Need	319	229	250	299	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$800	\$700	\$600	\$300	
	\$255,200	\$160,300	\$150,000	\$89,700	
\$10,001 - \$20,000 Unmet Need	771	511	562	576	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$700	\$600	\$500	\$250	
	\$539,700	\$306,600	\$281,000	\$144,000	
\$5,001 - \$10,000 Unmet Need	424	241	254	232	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$200	
	\$254,400	\$120,500	\$101,600	\$46,400	
\$1 - \$5,000 Unmet Need	315	158	136	126	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$50	
	\$94,500	\$31,600	\$13,600	\$6,300	
\$0 Unmet Need	628	306	233	191	
Recommended Grant Amount per Student	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Estimated Expenditure	\$1,148,657	\$622,445	\$549,235	\$288,624	\$2,608,961