

Minnesota State College Southeast CRRSAA Funds Proposal

Student Portion – Phase II: Partial Funds Disbursement

1. Student Grant Program Plan

The total student allocation to the college is \$333,224 to be disbursed to currently enrolled students for Spring Semester 2021. 10% of these funds (\$33,000) are being set aside as required by the Minnesota State system for student emergency grants. In Phase I, 315 Pell eligible students received \$300 (\$94,500 of the student allocation) on April 16, 2021.

Pell eligible is defined as a student with an Expected Family Contribution of \$5,711 or below.

Phase II disbursements will address spending the remaining student funds balance (approximately \$205,402). Phase II will include funding for additional students including the Pell eligible group from Phase I and adding MN State Grant eligible students. This will be approximately 631 students and they will receive \$325 each. This disbursement will happen by the end of May.

Our Students Senates on both the Red Wing and Winona Campus have approved Phase II.

2. Sample Communication to Students:

Dear Students,

We are happy to inform you that Phase II of our CRRSAA plan was approved by the student's senates on both the Winona and Red Wing campuses and the Chancellor's Office. We want to assure you that we are here to support you in your mission of education.

The federal government has provided additional resources to help you continue your education. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) was recently signed into law and the college is working diligently to draft a plan for these funds. A portion of these funds are to help college students whose lives have been interrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges. **The CRRSAA Act requires institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students following Department of Ed and Minnesota State guidance.**

Phase II of this plan will include a **\$325 grant to students that are Pell and/or MN State Grant eligible.** This disbursement will take place by the end of May.

A student may also apply for a CRRSAA Emergency Scholarship.

This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to students that show exceptional need. These can be submitted through an [online](#) application

Please reach out us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Josiah Litant, Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Tammy Vondrasek, Director of Admissions and Enrollment

Pam Zimmerman, Assistant Director of Financial Aid (Winona)

Laurie Munson, Financial Aid Counselor (Red Wing)