

Minnesota State College Southeast CRRSAA Funds Proposal

Student Portion – Phase III: Partial Funds Disbursement

1. Student Grant Program Plan

The total student allocation to the college was \$333,224 to be disbursed to currently enrolled students from Spring Semester 2021 onward. 10% of these funds (\$33,000) were set aside with our college foundation, as required by the Minnesota State system, for student emergency grants.

In Phase I, 315 Pell eligible each students received \$300 (totaling \$94,500 of the student allocation). Pell eligible is defined as a student with an Expected Family Contribution of \$5,711 or below.

In Phase II, disbursements included additional funding for Pell eligible students as well as MN State Grant eligible students. Approximately 450 students received \$325 each (\$146,250 total). This disbursement took place at the end of May.

At this point we have approximately \$72,000 remaining to distribute to students (undistributed dollars plus approximately \$12,000 in unspent emergency grants that were moved to our college foundation at the start, as explained above). We are proposing a third round distribution to students enrolled this summer. There are currently 78 eligible students who will each receive \$350, totaling a distribution of \$27,300. This amount was discussed and agreed upon with our student senates (consultation letter provided separately).

We anticipate taking any remaining undistributed CRRSAA student emergency dollars, which is approximately \$45,000, and folding them into fall distributions to students. We will complete a final distribution plan for review at that time.

2. Sample Communication to Students:

Dear Students,

We are happy to inform you that Phase III of our CRRSAA plan was approved by the students 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 III of this plan will include a **\$350 grant to students that are Pell and/or MN State Grant eligible.** This disbursement will take place by mid-August.

A student may also apply for a CRRSAA Emergency Scholarship through our college foundation. 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
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