

APRIL 15, 2021 REPORT ON CRRSAA CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR STUDENTS

<p>On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law. This new law supplemented the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), and authorized the U.S. Department of Education to distribute additional funds to institutions of higher education in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. CRRSAA stipulated that a portion of the funds disbursed were to be used for emergency assistance grants directly to students.</p>	
Total amount of CRRSAA funds allocated to BCC for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.	\$526,072
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to BCC students under CRRSAA.	\$444,832 (as of 04/15/21)
Estimated total number of students at BCC eligible to participate in programs under CRRSAA.	567 (as of 04/15/21)
Total number of BCC students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under CRRSAA .	531 (as of 04/15/21)
<p>Selection criteria used by BCC to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under CRRSAA:</p>	
<p>CRRSAA Emergency Grants (\$750.00 each): Eighty percent (80%) of BCC's CRRSSA allocation has been awarded to students as a direct cash payment to help defray food costs and expenses associated with Internet and other utilities needed for remote learning and based on the following student eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a completed 2020-2021 FAFSA with an Expected Family Contribution less than or equal to 6692 (BCC's 2020-2021 direct Cost of Attendance for a full year of full-time study); and • be making Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid; and • be enrolled in at least one 3-credit Spring 2021 course. 	<p>CRRSAA Emergency Applications: Approximately \$100,000 of CRRSAA funds have been reserved for students who are seeking additional emergency funds to help cover a range of coronavirus-related expenses such as housing, health care, child care and food.* To access the application portal: https://berkshirecc.academicworks.com/users/sign_in</p> <p><i>*NOTE: Additional emergency COVID funding is available to BCC students through the Massachusetts Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) program. BCC students who apply for emergency funding at the above portal will automatically receive consideration for CRRSAA, GEER, or BCC Foundation assistance, depending on eligibility and circumstances. Only one application needs to be filed.</i></p>