

P425E201251 Victoria County Junior College District

CRRSAA and ARPA Student Aid Quarterly Report

1. *An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.*

Victoria College signed and returned certification to the Federal government that the applicable amount of funds designated under CRRSAA and ARPA would be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2. *The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.*

The College was allocated \$840,453 in CRRSA Act and \$3,332,397 in ARP Act funds to be disbursed to students as emergency aid due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. *The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).*

As of 9/30/2021:

CRRSAA - \$840,453

ARPA - \$2,338,500

Total - \$3,178,953

4. *The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.*

Victoria College estimates 3,148 enrolled students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and ARPA.

5. *The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.*

As of 9/30/2021:

CRRSAA - 812

ARPA - 1,262

Total - 2,074

6. *The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.*

CRRSAA

Victoria College established a HEERF Student Aid Committee. For CRRSA Act 314(a)(1) funds, the committee opened a public application on the VC website starting January 21, 2021. The application was first opened to enrolled Spring 2021 degree-seeking students who had not been able to make a payment by the first payment deadline of the term. It was subsequently opened to Spring 2021 credit or noncredit students enrolled between 2/5-2/21. A third round was awarded to Spring 2021 credit or noncredit students enrolled between 2/5-2/21 who applied after 2/21. DACA, undocumented, and international students were not eligible, nor were students co-enrolled at a university. Exceptional need for all students was determined by asking if they experienced effects of COVID-19 in up to five categories: work reductions, primary income earner, worsening of pre-pandemic conditions, limiting coursework due to COVID-19, and other financial COVID impacts not listed. Based on typical emergency aid requests for \$1,000 at VC, all eligible students were awarded a maximum of \$1,100 with exceptional need in 5 categories; \$1,075 for exceptional need in 4; \$1,050 for exceptional need in 3; \$1,025 for exceptional need in 2; and \$1,000 for exceptional need in 1. Dual credit students received \$500 based on their typically being of dependent status.

ARPA

Victoria College established a HEERF Student Aid Committee to review student requests for aid on an ongoing basis. A public application was opened on the VC website for enrolled students to apply for ARP Act funds on 6/28/2021. Exceptional need for all students is determined by asking if they experienced effects of COVID-19 in four categories: work reductions due to COVID-19, worsening of pre-pandemic circumstances due to COVID-19, limiting coursework due to COVID-19, and other financial COVID impacts not listed. During Summer 2021, enrolled students could receive \$3,000 and dual credit enrolled students could receive \$2,000. During Fall 2021, the amounts were adjusted to \$1,500 and \$500, respectively, to maximize the number of students served.

7. *Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.*

CRRSAA

Students applying for CRRSA Act funds were instructed in the application that funds were to be used for cost of attendance or for emergencies due to COVID-19, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, healthcare, or childcare. Students were asked whether they wanted funds to be applied directly to any outstanding account balance or if they wanted funds to be paid out directly. Students were informed that they could choose either option and that choosing to apply the funds to their account balance could not be a condition for receiving a CRRSAA grant.

ARPA

Students applying for ARP Act funds are instructed in the application and subsequent award letters that funds are for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergencies due to COVID-19, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, healthcare, or childcare. Students are asked whether they want funds to be applied directly to any outstanding account balance or if they want funds to be paid out directly. Students are informed in the application that they can choose either option and that choosing to apply the funds to their account balance is not a condition for receiving an ARP Act grant.