Hennepin Technical College℠

ARPA Grant Student Emergency Funds Plan

Student Aid Plan:

Award Amount	$	5,058,100.00
Fall 2021		
$300 student grants (students are receiving these through CRRSAA funds, this amount is for the projected costs above the available CRRSAA student grant balance)	$	558,000.00
Direct $600 grants to all Pell Eligible and EFC below $10,000	$	630,000.00
College's crisis grant process	$	467,730.00
Spring 2022		
$600 student grants	$	2,304,640.00
Direct $600 grants to all Pell Eligible and EFC below $10,000	$	630,000.00
College's crisis grant process	$	467,730.00

Student grant eligibility guidelines and process:
- Students who are enrolled and are not third-party payers, PSEO, concurrently enrolled, or employees using a tuition waiver are eligible and will automatically receive the award.
- Students are sent an email where they can denote, in writing, to apply the grant to their tuition or have it directly dispersed to them. Students who do not respond to the email request will have the grant directly dispersed to them.

Direct grant eligibility guidelines and process:
- Students who are enrolled and are Pell-eligible or have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of $10,000 or less are eligible and will automatically receive the award. Ineligible students include third-party payers, PSEO, concurrently enrolled, and employees using a tuition waiver.

Crisis grant eligibility guidelines and process:
- The crisis grant funds are available to all students through a crisis grant application on the college website.
- Students are eligible to receive a crisis grant once per semester for a qualifying expense (cost of attendance, childcare, housing, food, transportation, healthcare, etc.).

Communication process with our student government:
Vice President of Student Affairs, Jessica Lauritsen, and Vice President for Finance and Operations, Joe Wightkin, met with the Student Senate leadership and reviewed the process for allocating student aid funding, reviewed the CARES and CRRSAA funds allocations and expenditures, reviewed the proposed ARPA student aid plan, and reviewed the process for student communication. The College administration meets with the Student Senate leadership monthly and will provide updates about the distribution of funds.

Communication and engagement strategy to inform students of these grants:
The College created a webpage that lists the grant funds plan, eligibility, process, contact information, and frequently asked questions. Eligible students will be informed of the grants through an email series and text messages. Students will be referred to the crisis grant process through the normal college channels (referral).