

# Higher Education Relief Act Emergency Relief Fund

## Quarterly Report – October 2021

The following is a summary of MTI College’s distribution of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP) section (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021.

MTI College signed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for CRRSAA on 2/3/2021; and for ARP MTI signed and submitted the Required Proprietary Institution Certification Form to the U.S. Department of Education on 5/27/2021. MTI either used or intends to use the entirety of the funds from both the CRRSAA and ARP programs to provide emergency grants to students.

The total amount of funds that MTI College received from each of the relief programs is:

- CRRSAA: \$790,330 allocated to students attending MTI College
- ARP: \$454,551 allocated to students attending MTI College
- Total of CRRSAA and ARP: \$1,244,881

The funds have been distributed to students as follows:

Quarter	Dates	Per Quarter	Cumulative
1	Jan – Mar 2021	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	April – June 2021	\$156,200	\$156,200
3	July – Sept 2021	\$640,160	\$796,360

The estimated total number of students at MTI College eligible to participate in these programs is 1070. As of October 1, 2021, the total number of students who received an emergency financial aid grant is 1070.

MTI College acknowledges that every student has been affected by the pandemic and as such the college worked to ensure that all students have or will receive financial relief. MTI’s HEERF I funds were limited to qualified students that completed an application. As the effects of the pandemic continued much longer than initially anticipated, and affected so many areas of student’s lives, the college felt it was important to allocate HEERF II and III funds to our entire student population (at the time of disbursement).

MTI College prioritized students with exceptional need based on having an EFC in the Pell eligible range on the 2020/21 or 2021/22 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application. Students with an EFC in the Pell eligible range received \$930 and students with an EFC in the non-Pell eligible range received \$550.

Activity for Quarter 3 2021:

- Between August 27, 2021 and September 2, 2021, MTI provided checks for all attending students and those on a leave of absence that were not included in the June 23, 2021 first group of students who received checks.

- On September 17, 2021, MTI provided checks for all attending students that started the Cosmetology program on August 16, 2021. Payment to this group exhausted the remainder of the CRRSAA funds and included \$6,030 of the ARP funds.
- All students received a letter enclosed with their check explaining the source of the funds and the criteria used to determine payment amounts.
- Students on a payment plan with MTI College also received an insert with their check and letter stating, “You currently have a payment plan with MTI College. To apply all or part of this award to your payment plan, please visit the Student Accounts office in the main building, contact them at (916) 339-4345, or email [\\_StudentAccounts@mticollege.edu](mailto:_StudentAccounts@mticollege.edu) (note the underscore at the start of the email address).”
- On August 26, 2021, an email was sent to all attending students and those on a leave of absence (who had not previously received a CRRSAA check) letting them know they could show a photo ID and pick up their check during six different time slots between August 27, 2021 and August 31, 2021. They were notified that checks not picked up by the latter date would be mailed, so addresses should be updated if needed. This information was also shared with MTI faculty and on social media accounts.
- The letter included with checks to students read as follows:

“The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief from COVID-19. One section of the CARES Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and subsequently the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

We are pleased to inform you that MTI College has received CRRSAA funds to help you with the continuing challenges you may be experiencing as a result of COVID-19. We are providing this money to offer financial support to spend on any component of your cost of attendance, such as tuition, food, housing, transportation, health care, childcare, or any emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus.

It is important to note that the funds provided by the CRRSAA are grants, not loans, so they do not need to be repaid. They are also not considered taxable income since they qualify as disaster relief payments under the IRS tax code and are not included as part of your gross income.

MTI College is allocating CRRSAA funds in alignment with guidance the Department of Education. This means we are required to prioritize students with “exceptional need.” For students in most programs, high financial need was determined by the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the student’s FAFSA or Dream Act application. Those with a “Pell Grant Eligible” EFC (regardless of whether they received a Pell Grant) were awarded a higher amount than students with a non-Pell eligible EFC. Students attending the Fundamentals of Clinical Medical Assisting program are considered in the non-Pell eligible group as their program cost is fully paid by an outside resource. Students without a 20/21 or 21/22 FAFSA or Dream Act application are also in the non-Pell eligible group.

The CRRSAA funds have been allocated in the following manner:

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| • Students with a Pell eligible EFC (most programs)   | \$930 |
| • Students with a non-Pell eligible EFC, or no FAFSA  | \$550 |
| • Fundamentals of Clinical Medical Assisting students | \$550 |

We value your enrollment at MTI College and we hope that this helps minimize the impact of this pandemic in your household. Please contact me with any questions at [pperez@mticollege.edu](mailto:pperez@mticollege.edu) or (916) 339-4380.”

For information regarding distribution of prior HEERF Funds you may refer to prior quarterly and/or annual reports posted on the MTI College website <https://mticollege.edu/about/disclosures/> under 2021 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and 2020 CARES Act Status Report (2020).