

# CARES Acts I, II, and American Rescue Plan (HEERF and CRRSAA) Ilisagvik College Student Aid Reporting: Emergency Financial Aid Grants OPE ID: 03451300

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Reporting for Previous Quarters and Most Recent Quarter [2022 Q1]

 An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Ilisagvik College acknowledges that the College has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for CARES Act I, II, and ARP (HEERF and CRRSAA) Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Additionally, Ilisagvik College intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act 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.

Ilisagvik College received \$18,403 as a first award (CARES Act), \$18,403 as a second award (CARES Act II), and \$129,167 as a third award (ARPA). This is a total of \$165,973.00 received under award number P425E200078.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants awarded to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is \$36,806 (the entirety of the CARES Act I and CARES Act II awards). Under the allocation from ARPA, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants award to students is \$113,558 (as of the date of this report). That brings the total amount of disbursed funds to students from award number P425E200078 to \$150,364. There is \$15,609 remaining under the award for student aid.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

During the initial rollout of funds from CARES Act I, Ilisagvik College determined there were fifty (50) eligible students under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. During the second

rollout of student aid funds from CARES Act II, Ilisagvik College determined there were twenty-five (25) eligible students. During the summer 2021 rollout of student aid funds from ARPA, Ilisagvik College determined there were sixteen (16) students eligible to receive funds. During the initial Fall 2021 rollout of student aid funds from ARPA, Ilisagvik College determined there were one-hundred and twenty-two (122) students eligible to receive funds.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Two hundred and sixty-three (263) total students have received Emergency Financial Aid grants thus far.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Please find the methods below with a narrative summary of the methodology and actions taken for each semester of emergency financial aid disbursement. The methods are listed in ascending chronological order starting with the initial Emergency Financial Aid Grants disbursed in Spring 2020 and moving forward in time from there.

#### I. Spring 2020 – CARES Act I

Ilisagvik College determined that the HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds would be distributed to Title IV eligible, undergraduate, program-active and/or degree-seeking students based on current enrollment as of March 13, 2020, when Ilisagvik College's normal operations were interrupted by COVID-19. Ilisagvik College weighted nine categories of students depending on the defined categorical status (i.e. if students are Pell eligible or dormitory students, and thus have demonstrated financial need and/or demonstrated housing interruptions) and number of enrolled credits in Spring 2020, with four subsections of credit types. Only students eligible to receive Title IV aid are included in groups below. The following groups were delineated:

- Full-Time (12-18 credits) Pell Students: \$550.71
- Full-Time (12-18 credits) Dormitory Students: \$550.71
- Full-Time (12-18 credits) Non-Pell Students: \$458.93
- Part-Time (9-11 credits) Pell Students: \$413.03
- Part-Time (9-11 credits) Non-Pell Students: \$367.14
- Part-Time (6-8 credits) Pell Student: \$321.25
- Part-Time (6-8 credits) Non-Pell Students: \$275.36
- Part-Time (1-5 credits) Pell Student: \$229.46
- Part-Time (1-5 credits) Non-Pell Students: \$183.57

# II. Fall 2020 – CARES Act I

An alternate source of funding was used since all the CARES Act I Student Aid had been disbursed in Spring 2020. Ilisagvik College still disbursed aid to students, but it did not use CARES Act Student Aid funds during this period.

# III. Spring 2021 – CARES Act II

Ilisagvik College changed the initial determination and eligibility process to make student aid disbursement easier in Fall and Spring 2021. Ilisagvik determined that the HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds would be distributed to undergraduate, program-active and/or degree-seeking students based on current enrollment as of the spring semester 2021, as Ilisagvik College's normal operations were still being interrupted by COVID-19.

Ilisagvik College had eight categories of students depending on the defined categorical status (i.e. if students are Pell eligible, and thus have demonstrated financial need) and number of enrolled credits in Spring 2021, with four subsections of credit types. The following groups were delineated:

Student Type	Number of Students: Spring 2021	Base Funding (Per Student)
Pell Full-Time	5	\$ 1,100.00
Full-Time Other	19	\$ 900.00
Pell 3/4 Time (.75 - 9-11 credits)	5	\$ 800.00
3/4 Time Other (.75 - 9-11 Credits)	17	\$ 700.00
Pell Part-Time (.5 - 6-8 credits)	7	\$ 600.00
Part-Time Other (.5 - 6-8 credits)	39	\$ 500.00
Pell Less Than Part-Time (Under .5 - 1-5 credits)	7	\$ 400.00
Less Than Part-Time Other (Under .5 - 1-5 credits)	52	\$ 300.00
TOTALS	151	

While the total number of students eligible to receive aid was 151, Ilisagvik College made payments to 25 students using CARES Act II Student Aid Funds (totaling \$18,403) and used alternate sources of funding for the remaining students (who received the same amount of aid/same type of methodology applied).

Thus, twenty-five students received the following:

1	Pell Full-Time	1,100.00
2	Pell Full-Time	1,100.00
3	Pell Full-Time	1,100.00
4	Pell Full-Time	1,100.00

5	Pell Full-Time	1,100.00
6	Pell Full-Time	1,100.00
7	Full-Time Non-Pell	603.00
8	Pell 3/4 Time	800.00
9	Pell 3/4 Time	800.00
10	Pell 3/4 Time	800.00
11	Pell 3/4 Time	800.00
12	Pell 3/4 Time	800.00
13	Pell 3/4 Time	800.00
14	Pell 3/4 Time	800.00
15	Pell Part-Time	600.00
16	Pell Part-Time	600.00
17	Pell Part-Time	600.00
18	Pell Part-Time	600.00
19	Pell Part-Time	600.00
20	Pell Part-Time	600.00
21	Pell Less Than Part-Time	400.00
22	Pell Less Than Part-Time	400.00
23	Pell Less Than Part-Time	400.00
24	Pell Less Than Part-Time	400.00
25	Pell Less Than Part-Time	400.00
		18,403.00

Please note that student #7 in the chart on the previous page received \$900 in total, the full amount for a full-time, non-Pell student, but the remaining \$297.00 was from a different funding source and not the CARES Act II Student Aid funds. These payments resulted in a total disbursement of \$18,403 to students.

#### IV. <u>Summer 2021 – ARPA Funds</u>

Ilisagvik College used a similar determination and eligibility process discussed in the preceding section (Spring 2021) to disburse student aid. Ilisagvik College removed one qualification with the changes made during the American Rescue Plan Act: students no longer had to be program-active, simply enrolled in a for-credit class and/or the equivalent of 1 credit hour. Thus, Ilisagvik determined that the HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds would be distributed to students based on current enrollment as of the summer semester 2021, as Ilisagvik College's normal operations were still being interrupted by COVID-19.

Ilisagvik College had three categories of students depending on the number of enrolled credits in summer 2021. The following groups were delineated:

Students: No. of Credits	Emergency COVID-19 Financial Relief
12+ Credits (Full-time)	\$1,000
6-11 Credits	\$500
1-5 Credits	\$250

While the total number of students eligible to receive aid was eighteen (18) in summer 2021, Ilisagvik College made payments to sixteen (16) students using CARES Act II Student Aid Funds (totaling \$10,150) and used alternate sources of funding for the remaining two students (who received the same amount of aid/same type of methodology applied).

Thus, sixteen (16) students received the following:

	Credit Load – Summer 2021	RF/CRRSAA udent Aid
Student 1	2	\$ 250.00
Student 2	2	\$ 250.00
Student 3	3	\$ 250.00
Student 4	3	\$ 250.00
Student 5	3	\$ 250.00
Student 6	3	\$ 250.00
Student 7	5	\$ 250.00
Student 8	6	\$ 1,180.00
Student 9	6	\$ 500.00
Student 10	6	\$ 1,180.00
Student 11	6	\$ 1,180.00
Student 12	6	\$ 500.00
Student 13	6	\$ 1,180.00
Student 14	6	\$ 1,180.00
Student 15	8	\$ 500.00
Student 16	15	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 10,150.00

### V. Fall 2021 – ARPA Funds

Ilisagvik College used the same determination and eligibility process discussed in the preceding section (Fall 2021) to disburse student aid. Eligible students simply had to be enrolled in a for-credit class and/or the equivalent of 1 credit hour to receive aid. Students could request COVID-19 financial relief and/or a special internet stipend to address the high-cost of internet in the North Slope region of Alaska. Ilisagvik had multiple grant funds to meet these needs.

Thus, Iļisaģvik determined that the HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds would be distributed to students based on current enrollment as of the fall semester 2021, as Iļisaģvik College's normal operations were still being interrupted by COVID-19.

Ilisagvik College had three categories of students depending on the number of enrolled credits in fall 2021. The following groups were delineated:

Students: No. of Credits	Internet Stipend	Emergency COVID-19 Financial Relief
12+ Credits (Full-time)	\$680	\$1,000
6-11 Credits	\$680	\$500
1-5 Credits	\$250	\$250

While the total number of students eligible to receive aid was one-hundred and twenty-two (124) during the entirety of Fall 2021, Ilisagvik College made payments to one-hundred and twenty-two (122) students using CARES Act II Student Aid Funds (totaling \$114,478) and used alternate sources of funding for the remaining two (2) students (who received the same amount of aid/same type of methodology applied).

The students who received HEERF Student Aid funds received a combination of internet stipends and emergency COVID-19 Financial Relief. General COVID-19 emergency financial relief payments were made using Department of Education HEERF MSI/TCCU funds, as well as two non-federal sources. Iļisaģvik College did prioritize disbursing aid to Pell grantees. In fall 2021, Iļisaģvik had twenty-six (26) Pell grantees, and all received both the internet stipend and the top amount for emergency COVID-19 financial relief (up to \$1,680 total).

### VI. Spring 2022 – ARPA Funds

Ilisagvik College used the same determination and eligibility process discussed in the preceding section to disburse student aid. Eligible students simply had to be enrolled in a for-credit class and/or the equivalent of 1 credit hour to receive aid. Students could request COVID-19 financial relief and/or a special internet stipend to address the high-cost of internet in the North Slope region of Alaska. Ilisagvik had multiple grant funds to meet these needs.

Thus, Iļisaģvik determined that the HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds would be distributed to students based on current enrollment as of the fall semester 2021, as Iļisaģvik College's normal operations were still being interrupted by COVID-19.

Ilisagvik College had three categories of students depending on the number of enrolled credits in fall 2021. The following groups were delineated:

Students: No. of Credits	Internet Stipend	Emergency COVID-19 Financial Relief
12+ Credits (Full-time)	\$680	\$1,000
6-11 Credits	\$680	\$500
1-5 Credits	\$250	\$250

While the total number of students eligible to receive aid was eighty-five (85) during Q1 2022 (January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022), Ilisagvik College made payments to sixteen (16) students using CARES Act II Student Aid Funds (totaling \$15,370) and used ARPA TCCU/MSI funds (reported on the Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Report) for the remaining amount that was distributed during the quarter (a remaining \$87,119.74).

The students who received HEERF Student Aid funds received a combination of internet stipends and emergency COVID-19 Financial Relief. Ilisagvik College did prioritize disbursing aid to Pell grantees.

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

A letter accompanied the check that was mailed to students during each disbursement period. The letter included language taken directly from the HEERF website and Frequently Asked Questions documents. A copy of the letter is attached to this report (below).

ILISAĠVIK COLLEGE

[Date of Letter]

Dear Student:

You have been identified as a [semester date] emergency relief recipient. This funding is a combination of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) created by Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Acts (I and II) and [other sources, if applicable].

The money you receive as emergency relief aid must be applied to your expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

By cashing the enclosed check, you acknowledge you have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. Such expenses include and are not limited to the following:

- Housing costs associated with an unplanned move, rent, security deposit, or short-term hotel costs incurred to relocate, quarantine, personal safety, etc.
- Assistance with food.
- Costs of additional equipment, course materials, software or technology to complete educational requirements via remote learning.
- Medical expenses related to COVID-19.
- Unplanned travel expenses to receive medical care and/or self-quarantine

- including airfare, car rental, bus or train fare, etc.
- Unplanned or additional childcare costs necessary to complete classwork.
- Emergency personal or "incidental" expenses such as clothing, hygiene items, etc.
- Safety-related needs such as change of locks, legal assistance, etc.

Be aware, this aid has not been credited to your student bill. Please direct all questions regarding your student bill to the Business Office at (907) 852-1834.

You can view your statement online through your CAMS Student Portal at: https://cams.ilisagvik.edu/student/login.asp

CAMS Student Portal access instructions: https://mycampus.ilisagvik.edu/pluginfile.php/2/course/section/55/CAMS%20student%20portal% 20instructions.pdf?time=1585446920816

If you have questions pertaining to your check, please call the Financial Aid Office at (907) 852-1708 or send your question through your Ilisagvik College email to fin.aid@ilisagvik.edu.