

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II

HEERF/CARES II Awarding Policy

Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA requires Recipient, an institution of higher education as defined in section 101 or 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 USC § 1001 or 1002(c), to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136). The amount of funds made available by this supplemental award under CFDA 84.425E represents the minimum amount that Recipient must use for financial aid grants to students.

Rowan College of South Jersey is required to provide at least \$3,278,821.00 in relief aid to eligible students on both the Gloucester and Cumberland campuses.

Under section 314(c)(3), Rowan College of South Jersey must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants in order to receive a financial aid grant.

Rowan College South Jersey will award \$750.00 to students that are Pell grant recipients. The amount is consistent with the maximum award of CARES I and aligns with the SEOG award maximum amount to students. Non-Pell grant recipients will receive awards of \$375.00

Under section 314(c)(3) of the CRRSAA, Recipient must make financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education), which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.

Awards are being issued to students in the form of emergency relief checks to assist students with the non-direct costs of attendance. Students are being issued the funds to assist with housing, food, and health care insecurities.

The College may not require a student to consent to the application of the financial aid grant to the student's outstanding account balance with Recipient as a condition of receipt of or eligibility for the financial aid grant.

RCSJ is not participating in the option to apply funds to an outstanding balance owed to the college on behalf of the student. Students that owe a prior balance may exercise their own decision to remit the funds in the form of a payment to the college.