

CRRSA Act Initial 30-Day Report

1. Victoria College signed and returned certification to the Federal government that the applicable amount of funds designated under CRRSAA would be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. As of March 9, 2021, Victoria College has used no less than \$840,453 of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The College was allocated \$840,453 in CRRSA Act 314(a)(1) funds to be disbursed to students as emergency aid due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The total amount of CRRSA Act 314(a)(1) funds distributed to students as of March 9, 2021 is \$840,453.
4. Victoria College estimated 3,149 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA program.
5. The total number of students who have received grants under the student portion of Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act is 814.
6. 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.
7. 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.