

Federal legislation titled the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) was passed in March 2021. Through ARP, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) allocated funds to higher education institutions to be distributed to students in the form of grants with appropriate use conditions. The information below is the reporting data for required by the US Department of Education.

On April 17, 2020, North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Grants to students under the HEERF I – CARES Act. Under that agreement, NHCC has distributed at least 50 percent of the HEERF I money received as emergency grant aid to students.

On May 12, 2021, NHCC received notification of a supplemental HEERF III award through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. As a recipient of HEERF I – CARES Act funding, NHCC was not required to submit another certification agreement under ARP for the HEERF III award. NHCC intends to use the applicable amount of funds designated under the ARP Act to provide Emergency Grants to students.

NHCC has received an allocation of \$6,251,339 to be distributed as emergency grant aid to students with exceptional need.

\$4,905,491.73 as of March 31, 2022
\$3,414,081.29 as of December 31, 2021
\$829,085.23 as of September 30, 2021

For fall 2021 – spring 2022, NHCC had 4,891 eligible students.

For the summer 2021 term, NHCC had 1,276 eligible students.

4,840 students as of March 31, 2021
3,877 students as of December 31, 2021
1,276 students as of September 30, 2021

NHCC prioritized distributing funds to support students with exceptional financial need by allocating funds to student through the following two methods.

Base Award: Students enrolled for one or more credits during summer 2021, fall 2021, and/or spring 2022, received a \$300 grant award for that term

