

**Barton Community College's
CARES and CRRSAA Remaining Funds
March 31, 2021**

This information is being provided for public transparency regarding the distribution of the remaining funds from the following:

- CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act), Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds I
- CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act), Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II

As of March 25, 2021, remaining funds after initial distributions:

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| CARES | \$18,791.00 |
| CRRSSA | \$4,391.00 |
| Total: | \$23,182.00 |

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III, H.R. 1319 was signed and finalized into law on March 11, 2021. This act provided new guidance on the use of these federal funds, expanding this to be inclusive for the CARES and CRRSSA funding. Student portion of allowable student costs in all versions of the HEERF funding include:

- Any component of their cost of attendance
- Emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus such as
 - Tuition
 - Food
 - Housing
 - Health care (including mental)
 - Childcare

Students do not need to meet all federal financial aid eligibility requirements to be eligible. However, institutions must ensure funds go to the neediest students such as Federal Pell grant recipients. Distributions may be applied to an outstanding balance on the student's account with active consent from the student to take this action. This includes balances incurred prior to 27-Dec-2020 within the COVID-19 timeframe established as of March 13, 2020.

- **How the institution determined which students did, or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did, or will receive.**

Upon careful review of all guidance provided by the U.S. Department of education, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the Kansas Association of Community Colleges, participation in discussion with state and national peer institutions, study of the spirit of the HEERF provisions and a review of Barton data, a methodology was designed to address unexpected student expenses in a meaningful amount.

As of 25-Mar-2021, Barton deemed 39 students with outstanding balances for either Summer 2020 or Fall 2020 were eligible for a portion of the remaining CARES or CRRSAA funding.

| Term | Number of Students | Amount per Student | Totals |
|---------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Summer, 2020 | 8 | Varied Depending on Outstanding Balance | \$3,641.00 |
| Fall, 2020 | 31 | Varied Depending on Outstanding Balance (Balance of \$1,000 or less) | \$19,541.00 |
| Total: | 39 | | \$ 23,182.00 |

- **The total number of students who have received a remaining CARES or CRRSAA grant.**

39 students will receive a CARES/CRRSAA grant as of April 21, 2021.

- **Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants.**

Students were given advance notice of the funding with a general website communication posted on the Barton website April 6, 2021.

On April 6, 2021, students who were determined to be eligible for CARES/CRRSAA were emailed a direct communication with additional information and instructions how to access the online authorization form to consent to applying the funds to their account balance. Students were also called on April 6, 2021.

[Direct Communication to Students](#)

References:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>

[NASFAA Guidance](#)