CRRSAA and ARP

1. Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) completed the required certification to receive funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2. RCTC has received $6,392,139 of these funds that will be distributed to students through Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

3. As of June 30th, 2021, RCTC has distributed $1,316,050 in emergency grant payments to eligible students through direct grants ($1,152,550) and application-based grants ($163,500).

4. In Spring 2021, RCTC estimated 1,842 students met the eligibility requirements to receive CRRSAA/ARP funds.

5. Approximately 1,950 students have received CRRSAA/ARP funding through direct or application-based grants.

6. Eligibility criteria for CRRSAA/ARP funding was determined based on guidance from the U.S. Department of education and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Office of General Counsel.

In Spring 2020, direct grants were distributed to students with demonstrated need according to their calculated Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by their completed 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Direct grants of $350 were distributed to 1,842 students with EFCs below $10,000. Of those students, 1,451 were Pell-eligible and received a supplemental award amount of $350 for a total direct grant of $700. Students with questions about receiving direct grant funds may contact the RCTC Financial Aid office at financialaid@rctc.edu.

The application-based Student Emergency Fund grants are being prioritized to serve students with exceptional need as related to the Cost of Attendance at the College (tuition, food, housing, health care, and childcare) and range from $500-$1000.

7. Beginning March 19th 2021, students may apply for CRRSAA/ARP emergency funds. The application can be found **here**. In order to access the application you will need to login using your email address *starid@go.minnstate.edu* and STAR ID password. Students with questions about applying for the Student Emergency Fund may email SEF@rctc.edu.