



**Grant# P425E201678**

**Date of Report:** October 8, 2021

**Covering Quarter Ending:** September 30, 2021

- (1) Navajo Technical University (NTU) acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- (2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.  
CRRSSA- \$4,231,609  
ARP - \$0
- (3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (*i.e.*, as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).  
CRRSSA- \$739,513  
ARP - \$0
- (4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.  
523
- (5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.  
1848
- (6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

The criteria to identify students were as follows:

- a. All Pell eligible students at NTU Students were eligible receive up to \$625 for food, housing, technology, course materials, or other expenses related to the disruption to campus in Spring 2020. They needed to complete a student survey on what they their struggles and needs were that semester.

- b. NTU had students complete a money management module for all eligible students to request funds for the emergency grants. Students were eligible to apply for up to \$300 for food, housing, technology, course materials, or other expenses related to the disruption to campus in Fall 2020.
- c. NTU Financial office used an EFC of 5711 or less as a guideline. Any student whose EFC greater than 5711 did not qualify for Pell Grant. We also filtered out students who were in Default on a student loan, exceeded 600% Pell LEU and have a bachelor's degree or higher. These were all determined based on a valid FAFSA.

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The Provost, Dean of Students, Financial Aid and Business Office worked collaboratively to identify students who were in great need. NTU made direct contacts with students in person and by phone to reach those would benefit from the grant. Throughout the year, social media has been used to reach students and to keep them updated with funding opportunities.

Below are some excerpts from the various communications shared with the NTU student community.

NTU will begin distributing SP21 CARES Act Student Assistance to only PELL-eligible students. The eligibility for the CARES funding has been established by the federal government. You are receiving this notification as you have been identified as a "Pell-eligible student."

As with the previous 2020 CARES student aid distribution processes, NTU will again require a few things from eligible students before the aid is released. The requirements will be detailed further in this report/

CARES student aid is a limited financial resource to help students with expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

There is a possibility of future disbursement of aid later in the semester and will be tied to PELL-eligible students who

- a) are regularly attending class,
- b) have maintained contact with instructors, and,
- c) have been submitting homework and assignments to complete the semester.

PELL-eligible students who have not been attending or participating in classes will not be considered for future student aid disbursements.