

American Rescue Plan Funding Proposal and Plan

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has been awarded \$2,350,697 from the ARP Funds for student grants. The proposal includes a base award for all eligible students, an additional award for students with a higher level of unmet need, and a need-based emergency fund to assist in with unanticipated COVID-related expenses such as food, child-care, housing, loss of employment, etc.

Dissemination of Information to Students

We have six student government groups at Minnesota West. As evidenced by the attached letters from each senate, the plans have been shared using zoom sessions to all campus representatives. As awards are approved, broad communications will be shared to the entire student body using Communications Module.

Student Grant Award Eligibility

Students must have active, credit bearing enrollment of a minimum of 1 credit, as of September 7, 2021 to be eligible. These students include undergrad, undergrad transfer, students with previous degrees, and non-degree seeking. Students are also required to have a 970 – Financial Aid Status, indicating that the student is ready for payment and their aid file is complete. International students as well as DACA/Dream Act students who are not eligible for title IV funds, and therefore will not ever be able to achieve a 970 status, will be eligible for the grants. The students also must have a student 9-month EFC of \$18,886 or less.

Minnesota West ARP Funding Model

All eligible students who meet the defined criteria, will be awarded a flat award (i.e. \$750). The goal is to be able to apply the student awards and get the funds in the hands of students by September 16, 2021.

Of these eligible students, students whose student 9-month primary EFC is greater than 350 and below the cost of attendance budget of \$18,886 will be awarded a supplemental ARP grant award based on their credit level enrollment. Students in this category with 6-10 credits will receive a supplemental award of \$250 in addition to the base award of \$750. Students in this category with 11+ credits will receive a supplemental award of \$400 in addition to the base award of \$750. These amounts are currently estimates, as the final dollar amounts will be depended on student enrollment and EFC eligibility.

Minnesota West plans to expend an estimated \$1,100,000 of the ARP funds for students enrolled for fall 2021 semester and \$900,000 for students enrolled for the spring 2022 semester.

Emergency Grant Awards

Students who meet the Federal Department of Education eligibility criteria will be eligible to apply for an additional emergency grant of up to \$750. The emergency grant application will be found on the Minnesota West webpage. Students will provide a written attestation on their emergency grant application and do not need to attach any additional documentation. Minnesota West will be setting aside a minimum of \$350,697 earmarked specifically for emergency grants.

	Base Award # of Students	Base Award Amount	Base Award (\$850) # of Students	Base Award (\$850) Amount	Supplemental 1 @ \$250	Supplemental #1 Amount	Supplemental 2 @ \$400	Supplemental #2 Amount	Emergency Grant @ \$500	Emergency Grant Amount	Emergency Grant @ \$750	Emergency Grant Amount
6/25/2021									42	21,000		
6/28/2021									34	17,000		
6/29/2021									3	1500		
7/1/2021									1	500		
7/7/2021									2	1000		
7/28/2021												
9/23/2021	829	829,000			1	250	2	800				
9/27/2021	1	1,000										
9/29/2021							1	400			139	104,250
10/1/2021	17	17,000					2	800				
10/5/2021							1	400			68	51,000
10/6/2021											1	750
10/8/2021	10	10,000					1	400				
10/12/2021											31	23,250
10/13/2021					116	29,000	20	8,000				
10/14/2021					35	8,750	553	221,200				
10/15/2021	7	7,000			1	250	5	2000				
10/19/2021											23	17,250
10/25/2021	4	4,000					4	1,600			7	5,250
10/26/2021											2	1,500
10/28/2021	1	1,000										
11/2/2021											13	9,750
11/5/2021	8	8,000			1	250	5	2,000				
11/8/2021	1	1,000			1	250						
11/9/2021											7	5,250
11/12/2021	5	5,000			3	750	1	400				

Supplemental #1	69,500		Supplemental #1	278								
Supplemental #2	388,400		Supplemental #2	971								
Emergency Grant #1	41,000		Emergency Grant #1	82								
Emergency Grant #2	294,750		Emergency Grant #2	393								
Total Spent	2,350,697		Total # of Awards	3398								