

# The Higher Education Emergency Response Unit (ERU)

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Technical Assistance Webinar:  
Supplemental Support under the American Rescue Plan (SSARP)

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# SSARP SUMMARY

## WHAT:

On March 11, 2021, the ARP was signed into law: ARP section 2003

## HOW:

The Department of Education solicited public comments between May 11, 2021 to May 25, 2021

Application Available: February 03, 2022

Deadline for Applications: **April 08, 2022**

Proprietary institutions are not eligible for funding since eligibility is limited to those institutions that are eligible under part B of title VII of the HEA.



# SSARP Funding Opportunity

Applicants must:

- Complete the Program Profile
- Clearly identify the Absolute Priority/Priorities
- Submit one application

Applicants may apply for multiple priorities with one application



# PRIORTIES

**Absolute Priority 1**—Unfunded (a)(1) IHEs

**Absolute Priority 2**—MSI or SIP IHEs that were Underfunded, Newly Eligible, or are a Branch Campus

**Absolute Priority 3**—Underfunded ARP (a)(1) IHEs due to an Institutional Merger or Change in PPA

**Absolute Priority 4**—Community Colleges or Rural IHEs Serving a High Percentage of Low-Income Students and Experiencing Enrollment Declines

**Absolute Priority 5**—Institutions Serving High Percentages of Graduate Students



# Absolute Priority 1

Unfunded (a)(1) Grantees due to Technical Errors, Application Issues, or not Reporting in IPEDS

- **1a:** Institution was on CRRSAA (a)(1) allocation table but did not successfully apply.
- **1b:** Institution did not receive an allocation under ARP (a)(1) because it did not report 2018/19 data in IPEDS.

**Absolute Priority 1:** Please complete the below.

**1(a):** Institution was on **CRRSAA (a)(1)** allocation table but did not successfully apply. **Yes:**  **No:**

**1(b):** Institution did not receive an allocation under ARP (a)(1) because it did not report 2018/19 data in IPEDS. No additional information is needed if your institution reported 2019/2020 in IPEDS. The Department will use 2019/20 IPEDS and FSA Pell Volume data to calculate awards.

Institutions do not need to fill out the table below unless they believe the IPEDS data would not capture their need (e.g., the institution did not report data for 2019/20 IPEDS). Institutions that do fill out the table below should provide a short description explaining any discrepancy between these data and that of IPEDS and FSA Pell volume data.

Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment (2019-2020):	Total Enrollment (2019-2020):	Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Pell Recipient Enrollment (2019-2020):	Total Pell Recipient Enrollment (2019-2020):	Percent of total enrollment exclusively enrolled in distance education as of Fall 2019:	Percent of Pell recipients exclusively enrolled in distance education as of Fall 2019:

Explanation of Alternative Data:



# Absolute Priority 2

Eligible MSI or SIP Institutions that were Unfunded due to Technical Errors or Application Issues, are Newly Eligible, or are a Branch Campus

- **2a:** Applicant gained additional eligibility and did not receive an allocation under ARP (a)(1) because it did not report 2018/19 data in IPEDS.
- **2b:** Applicant was on CRRSAA (a)(2) allocation table but did not successfully apply by the deadline or failed to submit a complete application under the correct funding opportunity number.
- **2c:** Applicant is a branch campus designated as eligible under titles III and V of the HEA (according to the FY 2021 Eligibility Matrix), **not funded under ARP(a)(2) either directly or through its parent institution**

Absolute Priority 2: Please mark the program(s) for which the IHE meets the criteria.	
2(a): Applicant gained additional eligibility:	
HEERF ARP (a)(2) Program	Check All That Apply
Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNH)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2(b): Applicant was on CRRSAA (a)(2) allocation table but did not successfully apply by deadline or failed to submit a complete application under the correct funding opportunity number:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

2(c): If the applicant is a branch campus designated as eligible under titles III and V of the HEA (according to the FY 2021 Eligibility Matrix), please provide the following:					
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment (2019-2020):	Total Enrollment (2019-2020):	Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Pell Recipient Enrollment (2019-2020):	Total Pell Recipient Enrollment (2019-2020):	Percent of total enrollment exclusively enrolled in distance education as of Fall 2019:	Percent of Pell recipients exclusively enrolled in distance education as of Fall 2019:



# Absolute Priority 3

**Underfunded ARP (a)(1) Institutions due to an Institutional Merger or Change in PPA (A change in their HEA title IV Program Participation Agreement)**

- (A)(1) award that did not reflect the institution's enrollment due to (1) an institutional merger that was not captured in its CRRSAA section 314(a)(1) allocation or
- A Title IV PPA effective date that did not allow for the inclusion of the institution's Pell recipients in the formula.

**Absolute Priority 3:** Please provide a description of the methodological issue that resulted in the ARP (a)(1) award that did not reflect the institution's enrollment due to (1) an institutional merger that was not captured in its CRRSAA section 314(a)(1) allocation or (2) a Title IV PPA effective date that did not allow for inclusion of the institution's Pell recipients in the formula.

Description of the Methodological Issue:

The Department will use 2019/20 IPEDS and FSA Pell Volume data to calculate awards.

Institutions do not need to fill out the table below unless they believe the IPEDS data would not capture their need. Institutions that do fill out the table below should provide a short description explaining any discrepancy between these data and that of IPEDS and FSA Pell volume data.

Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment (2019-2020):	Total Enrollment (2019-2020):	Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Pell Recipient Enrollment (2019-2020):	Total Pell Recipient Enrollment (2019-2020):	Percent of total enrollment exclusively enrolled in distance education as of Fall 2019:	Percent of Pell recipients exclusively enrolled in distance education as of Fall 2019:

Explanation of Alternative Data:



# Absolute Priority 4

Community Colleges and Rural IHEs Serving a High Percentage of Low-Income Students and Experiencing Enrollment Declines.

- Had 50% or more of degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2019 who were Pell Grant recipients; and
- Experienced a 4.5 percent or greater decline in student enrollment from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020.

Absolute Priority 4: Please provide the following information:	
Number of Pell Grant recipients based on Fall 2019 enrollment, consistent with IPEDS reporting on the 2019-20 Student Financial survey.	
Number of degree and certificate seeking Fall 2019 undergraduate students, consistent with IPEDS reported data.	
Include single <a href="#">rural local setting or code</a>	

$$\frac{\text{Number of PELL Recipients}}{\text{Total \# of degree \& certificate seeking undergraduates}} = \% \text{ of enrolled Pell Recipients}$$



# Absolute Priority 5

Institutions Serving High Percentages of Graduate Students

- 90% or more of their student population was comprised of graduate students according to Fall 2020 enrollment data provided in IPEDS.

**Absolute Priority 5:** The Department will use Fall 2020 IPEDS enrollment data to determine eligibility under this priority



# SSARP APPLICATION

SSARP grant applications require a total of three forms in order for the application to be complete.

OMB Number: 1840-0860  
Expiration Date: 7/31/22

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (SSARP) PROGRAM PROFILE INFORMATION FORM**

American Rescue Plan Act, 2021

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY April 04, 2022, AT 11:59:59 PM EASTERN TIME.**

**SECTION 1: INSTRUCTIONS**  
All applicants should complete and submit this form via grants.gov. Your completed and signed (1) Program Profile Information Form, (2) SSARP Certification and Agreement, and (3) SF-424 (collectively, the SSARP application) must be received no later than 11:59:59 pm Eastern Time on April 04, 2022 as described in the SSARP Notice Inviting Applications (NIA). An institution of higher education (IHE) may apply under more than one Absolute Priority.

**SECTION 2: APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION**

Institution Name	
Contact Name and Title	
Telephone Number	Extension:
Email	
DUNS Number	
OPEID	

**SECTION 3: INSTITUTION IDENTIFICATION**  
Type of IHE (please check all appropriate boxes):  
 2-Year  4-Year  Public  Private Nonprofit

**SECTION 4: ABSOLUTE PRIORITIES**  
**Instructions:** There are five absolute priorities in this program. An institution may apply to more than one absolute priority. Please check the box that corresponds with the absolute priority or priorities for which the institution is applying.

<b>Absolute Priority 1:</b> Underfunded (a)(1) Grantees due to Technical Errors, Application Issues, or not Reporting in IPEDS	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Absolute Priority 2:</b> MSI or SIP Grantees that were Underfunded due to Technical Errors or Application Issues, are Newly Eligible, or are a Branch Campus	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Absolute Priority 3:</b> Underfunded ARP (a)(1) Grantees due to an Institutional Merger or change in PPA	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Absolute Priority 4:</b> Community Colleges and Rural IHEs Serving a High Percentage of Low-Income students and Experiencing Enrollment Declines	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Absolute Priority 5:</b> Institutions Serving High Percentages of Graduate Students	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 Please note that proprietary institutions are not eligible to apply for funding under the SSARP program.  
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SSARP Program Profile

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**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
Certification and Agreement (ALN 84.425T)**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (SSARP) PROGRAM**

The terms, conditions, and requirements governing your institution's (Recipient's) use of these grant funds awarded pursuant to section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2) (award or grant) by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) are governed by section 2003 of the ARP and section 314 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260) and the following terms and conditions of this Certification and Agreement (C&A):

**Specific Uses of SSARP (a)(3) Funds:**

- Institutions receiving funds under the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for the SSARP program as a part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) must, in expending those funds, meet the requirements specified under the Absolute Priorities to which they received funds under. Those Absolute Priorities are:
  - Absolute Priority 1:** Underfunded (a)(1) Grantees due to Technical Errors, Application Issues, or not Reporting in IPEDS.
    - Institutions awarded funds under Absolute Priority 1(a) must fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students in the same amount that they would have been required to under CRRSAA, which must be distributed consistent with section 314(c) of CRRSAA.
    - Institutions awarded funds under Absolute Priority 1(b) must fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students in the same amount that they would have been required to under ARP, which must be distributed consistent with section 314(c) of CRRSAA.
  - Absolute Priority 2:** MSI or SIP Grantees that were Underfunded due to Technical Errors or Application Issues, are Newly Eligible, or are a Branch Campus.
  - Institutions awarded funds under Absolute Priority 2 may use their funds for institutional uses. However, the Secretary urges Recipient to devote the maximum amount of funds possible to Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
  - Absolute Priority 3:** Underfunded ARP (a)(1) Grantees due to an Institutional Merger or change in PPA.
  - Institutions awarded funds under Absolute Priority 3 must fund Emergency

SSARP Certification and Agreement

View Burden Statement

OMB Number: 4040-0004  
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 1. Type of Submission:**  
 Preapplication  
 Application  
 Changed/Corrected Application

**\* 2. Type of Application:** \* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):  
 New  
 Continuation  
 Revision

\* Other (Specify):

**\* 3. Date Received:** **4. Applicant Identifier:**

Sa. Federal Entity Identifier: Sb. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:  
6. Date Received by State: 7. State Application Identifier:

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

\* a. Legal Name:  
\* b. Employer/Tagpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): \* c. Organizational DUNS:

**d. Address:**  
\* Street:  
\* Street2:  
\* City:  
\* County/Parish:  
\* State:  
\* Province:  
\* Country: USA | UNITED STATES  
\* Zip / Postal Code:

**e. Organizational Unit:**  
Department Name: Division Name:

**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**  
\* Prefix: \* First Name:  
\* Middle Name:  
\* Last Name:  
\* Suffix:  
\* Title:  
Organizational Affiliation:  
\* Telephone Number: \* Fax Number:  
\* Email:

SF-424

# APPLYING FOR SSARP

SSARP Applicants should visit the Federal Register for instructions on applying through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)



[Click here to review the Federal Register instructions on applying](#)

All applicants must follow the Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs procedures for the submission of their applications.



[Click here to apply through Grants.gov](#)

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# Resources



[ARP Home Page](#)



[SSARP Home Page](#)



[CRRSAA Home Page](#)



# Reminder:

YOU MUST SUBMIT A **NEW** APPLICATION IF YOU RECEIVE AN INELIGIBILITY LETTER DUE TO AN INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATION



Deadline Reminder April 08, 2022



# QUESTIONS

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You can also reach out to your ED Program Specialist for assistance.



# Thank you!

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