NC State University signed and returned the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the U.S. Department of Education on April 13, 2020. An additional certification was not required to receive Higher Education Emergency Relief funds under ARP. NC State University used 50% of the funds received under Section 18004 (a) (1) of the CARES Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. As required, NC State University will use no less than 50% of the funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide Rescue Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

NC State University will receive $25,189,169 from the Department of Education to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. In February 2022, the Office of Finance and Administration allocated an additional $3,000,000 from the institutional portion of ARP funding to be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants. This additional allocation bring the total ARP funding for this purpose to $28,189,169.

Quarterly Reporting
October 1, 2021
As of October 1, 2021, NC State University has distributed $14,069,500 to provide Rescue Emergency Grants to 18,095 students.

December 31, 2021
During the calendar quarter ending on December 31, 2021, NC State distributed $25,000 to provide Rescue Emergency Grants to 49 students. In total, NC State University has distributed $14,094,000 to provide Rescue Emergency Grants to 18,118 students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

March 31, 2022
During the calendar quarter ending on March 31, 2022, NC State distributed $13,864,669 to provide Rescue Emergency Grants to 18,167 students. In total, NC State University has distributed $27,958,669 to provide Rescue Emergency Grants to 21,149 students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Eligible Students
Priority consideration is given to students who demonstrate exceptional need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Rescue Grants are intended to support any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, fees, food, housing, technology, childcare expenses, and medical expenses. A FAFSA submission is not required for consideration but could affect the amount or availability of funding. We estimate that 37,587 students meet these requirements for consideration for the 2021-22 academic year.

Application Method and Instruction to Students
Undergraduate students receiving Pell Grants and those with Expected Family Contributions up to $12,000 (as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) are given priority consideration for Rescue Emergency Grants. Priority consideration includes the receipt of a block Rescue Grant that does not require an application and priority access to the Rescue Emergency Grant application for additional funding consideration. The initial offering of block grants for eligible students was disbursed on July 21, 2021. These students received an email on July 22, 2021 notifying them of the block grant and the availability of the Rescue Emergency Grant application. The general student population received an email on August 23, 2021 notifying them of the availability of Rescue Emergency Grants.
Funds not released by December 2021 were held in reserve in order to open the application process again with the spring semester in January 2022. The initial offering of block grants for eligible students was disbursed on January 10, 2022. These students received an email on January 8, 2022 notifying them of the block grant and the availability of the Rescue Emergency Grant application. The general student population received an email on January 19, 2022 notifying them of the availability of Rescue Emergency Grants.

Information is available on the University’s website and appears within the secure portal where students apply for consideration. Rescue Block and Emergency Grants are released directly to students for qualifying expenses such as tuition, fees, food, housing, technology, childcare expenses, medical expenses or for emergency costs due to the coronavirus. Students request assistance by submitting an application in the Student Information System and indicate the category of their expense. Staff review and render a decision on applications. The total maximum grant per student will not exceed $1,500/semester. The maximum amount is adjusted based on the student's career (undergraduate vs. graduate/professional), Expected Family Contribution, and financial need as determined by the FAFSA or the Rescue Emergency Grant application responses.