



**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
Superintendent's Memo

DATE: November 5, 2021  
TO: Virginia Public Institutions of Higher Education Awarded CRRSA Act GEER II Funds  
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **CRRSA Act GEER II Grant Awards to Virginia Public Institutions of Higher Education**

Item 262.80 E., Chapter 552, of the 2021 Special Session I of the Virginia General Assembly appropriated \$22,000,000 in federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Governor's Education Emergency Relief (GEER) II pandemic relief funding as follows:

E. To address student affordability, \$22,000,000 in Governor's Education Emergency Relief funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, (P.L. 116-260) shall be allocated to public institutions of higher education for one-time need-based undergraduate financial aid in the second year.

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will serve as the fiscal agent for this grant to Virginia public institutions of higher education. The grant awards are provided in Attachment C. Attachment A contains the Additional Required Special Terms and Conditions for Grant Awards or Cooperative Agreements. The terms of the grant award are provided in Attachment D. The FFATA reporting form is provided in Attachment B.

Prior to expending funds under this award, Virginia public institutions of higher education must submit an application describing how funds will be spent and assuring that all federal grant requirements will be met. The application will be provided through a separate

communication and must be submitted through the VDOE's Online Management of Education Grant Awards (OMEGA) system. At the conclusion of the application approval process, grant funds are available on a reimbursement basis. Budget transfers and reimbursement requests must be submitted through the OMEGA system. Prior to submitting a budget transfer or reimbursement request in OMEGA, Virginia public institutions of higher education staff should ensure [that the appropriate OP1 form has been submitted](#) to set up staff access in the OMEGA system.

**For more information**

Questions regarding the CRRSA Act GEER II fund grant awards or applications for Virginia public institutions of higher education should be directed to [VDOEfederalrelief@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:VDOEfederalrelief@doe.virginia.gov). For assistance with the OMEGA system, contact OMEGA Support at [OMEGA.Support@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:OMEGA.Support@doe.virginia.gov).

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- A. Attachment: Additional Required Special Terms and Conditions for Grant Awards or Cooperative Agreements
- B. Attachment: FFATA Reporting
- C. Attachment: CRRSA Act GEER II Awards to VA Public Institutions of Higher Education
- D. Attachment: CRRSA Act GEER II Terms of Grant Award