

30 days Report Under the HEERF III (American Rescue Plan)

Student Fund Report (Information as of Sep. 14, 2021)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan, 2021 (ARP), which was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This fund allows the school to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus.

PTSA has received \$75,490 from the Department of Education pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the American Rescue Plan on May 21, 2021.

(1) An acknowledgement 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 ARP (a)(1) program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Institutions who received HEERF I grant funds under the CARES Act are not required to submit an application for the HEERF II or HEERF III grant.

To date, \$6,500 in HEERF III funding has been distributed to students.

Before the start of the Fall Semester, the school decided to distribute the grants to undergraduate students who receive Financial Aid and are in exceptional financial need. The total number of students that have received HEERF III grant disbursements from the PTSA to date is 13.

Additional HEERF III block grants will continue to be awarded as emergency grants with priority given to newly identified Pell eligible students as FAFSAs are completed or updated. The second round of priority block grants following Pell eligible disbursements will be awarded to domestic students with financial needs, especially undergraduates, that are not Pell Grant eligible. Additional block grants will continue to be awarded as emergency grants to domestic Graduate students and International students at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In addition to HEERF III Grant awarding, Financial Office has been conducting direct communications to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances by email.

(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.

The total amount of funds is \$75,490.- pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants that have been distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of the initial report dated Sep. 14, 2021 is \$6,500.

(4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) program.

The estimated total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP is 107 as of Sep. 14, 2021. We are still updating the number of students for the next disbursement.

(5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the ARP (a)(1) program.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act is 13 as of Sep. 14, 2021.

(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 ARP (a)(1) program.

PTSA will use a block grant approach to prioritize the release of HEERF III grant funds to the students with exceptional financial need as required (Pell grant recipients) to assist them with expenses such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) and childcare since the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create financial challenges and disruptions.

Students will be divided into 3 blocks. The amount of grants will vary depending on the number of students.

- a) Undergraduate students who are receiving financial aid benefits
- b) Undergraduate / Graduate students who are permanent residents/citizens but not receiving Financial Aid benefits
- c) Domestic Undergraduate / Graduate students who are international or undocumented.

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

At the time the award is made, students are notified with an email.

For additional disbursements, students will be notified with an email and there will be an announcement on the school website.

