

Federal Reporting of Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEERF III) Funding

This report constitutes the initial report and calendar quarter report for HEERF III funds. The following information is provided to comply with the Department of Education's public reporting requirements for Emergency Financial Grants to Students under the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP) section (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Report Date: January 7, 2022

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) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The University of Iowa signed and submitted the Funding Certification and Agreement with the U. S. Department of Education on April 21, 2020 for the CARES funds. There was not a signature requirement for HEERF III. The University agrees to the applicable amount of funds to assist students with emergency grants. The University accepted the terms of the HEERF III grant when it made its first draw of funds (\$50) on 8/18/2021. The remaining funds will be drawn as they are needed for student awards throughout the funding period.

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 under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

\$22,421,229

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission.

\$11,700,500

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) and (a)(4) programs.

9,556

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

9,443

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) and (a)(4) programs.

The University of Iowa awarded HEERF III block grants to students that were enrolled in fall 2021, completed a 2021-2022 FAFSA, and did not have grants, scholarships, and/or fellowships that met their cost of attendance, or did not have a quarter time or greater assistantship. The block grants were based on the student's Expected Family Contribution and level of study (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) and ranged from \$750 to \$1,500.

Enrolled students who are not eligible to file the FAFSA (i.e. International, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, undocumented) were notified by email of the opportunity to complete a HEERF III application and explain their exceptional financial need. Students certified their information was accurate and applications were reviewed on an individual basis. Students that had grants, scholarships, and/or fellowships that met their cost of attendance or had a quarter time or greater assistantship were not eligible for funds.

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

Information about HEERF III funds was promoted in the following ways:

- Office of Student Financial Aid website: <https://financialaid.uiowa.edu/resources/caresact>
- International Student and Scholar Services website: <https://international.uiowa.edu/iss>
- Email communications from the Office of Student Financial Aid to block grant eligible students on 9/14/21 and 9/21/21 about their upcoming HEERF award and ability to select the refund option for the award (i.e. credit to U-Bill or direct deposit to their personal bank account).
- Email communications from International Student and Scholar Services, the Center for Diversity and Enrichment, and Student Care and Assistance were sent twice in the fall to students that are not eligible to file the FAFSA notifying them to fill out an application.
- Iowa Now News & Updates to undergraduate students and their parents and graduate and professional students emailed on 9/2/21
[Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds \(HEERF III\) available for fall 2021](#)
The University of Iowa has received additional funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to distribute to students who are enrolled during the fall 2021 semester and have exceptional financial need. To see if you are eligible and for more information on how to apply, please see the Office of Student Financial Aid website.
<https://coronavirus.uiowa.edu/news/2021/09/higher-education-emergency-relief-funds-heerf-iii-available-fall-2021>
- Iowa Now News & Updates for Faculty and Staff emailed on 9/16/21. Highlighted information about HEERF availability to assist students.
<https://coronavirus.uiowa.edu/news/2021/09/higher-education-emergency-relief-funds-heerf-iii-available-fall-2021>
- University of Iowa Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) website:
<https://coronavirus.uiowa.edu/news/2021/10/fall-2021-heerf-iii-funds-distributed>