

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) 2022 First Quarter Report

### Certification

On April 17, 2020, CSULB signed and returned to the Department of Education the HEERF Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement to receive HEERF I (CARES Act) grant funds. As such, CSULB was not required to submit an application for the HEERF II or HEERF III grant programs.

On April 25, 2020, CSULB received the CARES (HEERF I) grant award notification providing \$20,864,720 in funding for emergency grants to students.

On March 11, 2021, CSULB received the CRRSAA (HEERF II) grant award notification providing an additional \$20,864,720 in funding for continuing emergency grants to students.

On June 25, 2021, CSULB received the ARP (HEERF III) grant award notification providing an additional \$59,147,455 in funding for more continuing emergency grants to students.

### Funding Overview

**Table 1: Funding amounts and number of eligible students**

Reporting Item	Reporting Value
Total funding CSULB has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under all HEERF (a)(1) programs	\$100,876,895
Additional funding provided by the University from ARP (a)(1) Institutional funding to be used for Student Emergency Grants during this reporting period	\$12,477,878
Total amount of all Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under ARP (a)(1) programs January 1–March 31, 2022	\$35,789,050
Estimated total number of students at CSULB that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under ARP (a)(1) programs	37,548
Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under ARP (a)(1) programs January 1–March 31, 2022	36,560

### Disbursement of HEERF III Payments

Consistent with HEERF I and HEERF II funding and in support of CSULB's Inclusive Excellence vision, automatic grant payments were provided to all eligible matriculated students enrolled for the spring 2022 semester. No applications were required for students to receive a payment of HEERF III funds. Payments were provided to students who met the following conditions:

- CSULB admitted students enrolled in a degree, credential, or certificate program
- Enrolled in at least 1 unit for the spring 2022 semester as of February 17, 2022

Consistent with clarified eligibility criteria for HEERF III, undocumented, international, and non-Title IV eligible students—as well as students not eligible for federal benefits under PROWARA—received payments during the spring 2022 semester.

On March 16, 2022, all eligible students (36,560 total) were notified via email of the pending HEERF III automatic grant payments. Students were notified of their specific automatic grant payment amount and that funds would be released to their student accounts by March 22, 2022. Additionally, students were provided a link to the CSULB HEERF Phase III website, which included information on phase III implementation and an FAQ.

On March 18, 2022, CSULB released HEERF III automatic grant payments to student accounts, which were immediately processed and directly refunded to students. Electronic refunds were sent to designated student bank accounts for students who had direct deposit information on file. On March 23, 2022, students not signed up for e-Refund were notified that they could pick up their refund checks in person from our Student Financial Services Disbursements Office. If a student was unable to come to campus, they could request that their check be mailed to them. No additional instruction, direction, or guidance was provided to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

### **Determination of Automatic Aid Amounts**

Students eligible for an automatic grant were categorized into four groups. In accordance with HEERF guidelines, students defined as having “exceptional need” (those with an Expected Family Contribution at or below the Pell Grant EFC threshold) were prioritized by receiving the largest grant payment amounts.

Payments were provided to students based upon the following structure, using information from the 2021–2022 financial aid application (if filed):

#### **Group 1: Students with an “Expected Family Contribution” of \$0 (Exceptional Need)**

- Full-time enrollment: \$1,950
- Part-time enrollment: \$975

#### **Group 2: Students with an “Expected Family Contribution” below the Pell Grant threshold of \$5,846 (Exceptional Need)**

- Full-time enrollment: \$1,400
- Part-time enrollment: \$700

#### **Group 3: Students who filed a financial aid application and have some “financial need”**

- Full-time enrollment: \$700
- Part-time enrollment: \$350

#### **Group 4: All other eligible students**

- Full-time enrollment: \$300
- Part-time enrollment: \$150

Actual payments made to students during the first quarter of 2022 are summarized in **Table 2**.

**Table 2: Automatic aid payments by financial need and enrollment status**

<b>Student's financial need</b>	<b>Enrollment status</b>	<b>Aid amount</b>	<b># of students</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0.</b>	Full-time	\$1,950	8,246	\$16,079,700
<b>Students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0.</b>	Less than full-time	\$975	2,144	\$2,090,400
<b>Students with Pell Grant Eligible EFC</b>	Full-time	\$1,400	6,861	\$9,605,400
<b>Students with Pell Grant Eligible EFC</b>	Less than full-time	\$700	1,615	\$1,130,500
<b>Students with some financial need</b>	Full-time	\$700	4,880	\$3,416,000
<b>Students with some financial need</b>	Less than full-time	\$350	1,454	\$508,900
<b>All other qualified students</b>	Full-time	\$300	8,361	\$2,508,300
<b>All other qualified students</b>	Less than full-time	\$150	2,999	\$449,850
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,560</b>	<b>\$35,789,050</b>

**Additional Guidance Provided to Students Concerning HEERF Payments**

No additional guidance was provided to HEERF emergency grant recipients by CSULB.