

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) 2021 Third Quarterly Report

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated approximately \$39.6 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

The following information is provided by California State University, Long Beach as required by the Department of Education ("ED") in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the ARP (a)(1) programs.

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 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

Name	Amount
The total amount of funds CSULB has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CARES (a)(1)-HEERF I; CRRSAA (a)(1)-HEERF II; & ARP (a)(1) programs HEERF III	\$100,876,895
The total amount of all Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students from July 1–September 30, 2021	\$0
The estimated total number of students at CSULB that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under HEERF programs	0
The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant from July 1–September 30, 2021	0

EXPLANATORY NOTES

As of September 30, 2021, the CSULB Emergency Grant campus workgroup is in the final stages of determining emergency grant payment amounts that will be provided to eligible students.

No applications will be required for students to receive a payment of HEERF III funds. Payments are expected to be 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 Fall 2021 semester as of September 21, 2021.

Consistent with clarified eligibility criteria for HEERF III, undocumented, international, non-Title IV eligible, and students not eligible for federal benefits under PROWARA received payments during the Fall 2021 semester.

Due to the large number of eligible students that will receive payments during the Fall 2021 semester (over 39,000), we are currently testing the disbursement process through our student system in order to confirm appropriate release and refund to student bank accounts or via paper check for those that have not signed up for our eRefund direct deposit process.

DETERMINATION OF AUTOMATIC AID AMOUNTS

Students eligible for an automatic grant are being 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 are scheduled to be 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” = \$0 (Exceptional Need)

- Full-Time Enrollment: \$2,000
- Part-Time Enrollment: \$1,000

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

- Full-Time Enrollment: \$1,600
- Part-Time Enrollment: \$800

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

- Full-Time Enrollment: \$800
- Part-Time Enrollment: \$400

Group 4: All other eligible students

- Full-Time Enrollment: \$200
- Part-Time Enrollment: \$100