

### CRRSAA and ARP Initial Report - 08/20/2021

#### Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II and III

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II was established by Congress as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), signed into law on December 27, 2020. HEERF II funds allocated to the University are to be used as Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students and can be used to cover expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic such as housing, food, health care, technology costs, etc.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III was established by Congress as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), signed into law on March 11, 2021. The University is in the process of applying for the HEERF III funds and will update this website as we obtain more information from the Department of Education.

Per the Department of Education's <u>public reporting</u> requirements established under the CSSRAA and ARP, the University is providing the following confirmations below:

(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 CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The University acknowledges that it has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement for the HEERF II awards under the CSSRAA. The University intends to use 100% of the funds received under the CRRSSA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

The University is in the process of applying for the grant funds under the ARP and will update this disclosure as necessary.

(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 CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Under the CRRSAA the University was awarded a total of \$1,006,949.00.

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(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of August 20,2021, the University has spent \$0 funds under the CRRSAA. This information will be updated as the University awards the funding to students.

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

The estimated number of students at the University that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students will be dependent on the number of students who notify the University of any emergency situations that would warrant the awarding of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

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

As of August 20, 2021, the University has awarded the Emergency Financial Aid Grant Funds from the HEERF II awards to zero students. This information will be updated as the University awards the funding to students.

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## (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 CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Student Advocates in the University's Office of Student Access and Wellness will work with students to identify the emergency situations that would warrant the awarding of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The University exercises its discretion when validating the emergency situation that students may be experiencing and the final award amounts.

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

Students demonstrating the need for emergency assistance are encouraged to work with the Student Advocates in the University's <u>Office of Student Access and Wellness</u> to discuss immediate needs that are impacting the student's ability to continue coursework with the University.

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