

American Recuse Plan, 2021-ARP
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Reporting:
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
University of Dubuque
Quarterly Report Ending 6-30-21

Overview

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Recovery Act, 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021 and provides an additional \$39.6 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Allocation for awards under Section 2003(a)(1) includes both funds for Student Aid (CFDA 84.425E) and Institution Portion (CFDA 84.425F), as described in our Grant Award Notice and the USDE HEERF III Allocation Table under Section 2003(a)(1).

The University of Dubuque (UD) hereby addresses questions for the CRRSAA Quarterly Report:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, a minimum of \$3,579,221 of the funds received under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

UD Response: *A supplemental award designated for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III), was made to our original Grant Award Notification (GAN) on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.*

University of Dubuque completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Monday, April 13, 2020. University of Dubuque received formal notice of funding approval on April 22, 2020.

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.

UD Response: *University of Dubuque received \$3,579,221 in funding to be distributed among its eligible students.*

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of the date of submission (calendar quarter thereafter).

UD Response: *No funding has been distributed to students at the quarter ending reporting period.*

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

UD Response: *The committee continues to work on refining the estimated total number of eligible students at the University of Dubuque*

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

UD Response: *At this time, no students have been awarded an emergency Financial Aid Grant from the ARP Act.*

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

UD Response: *The committee anticipates using similar criteria as was used with the HEERF II funds. (i.e.) Eligible students will meet the following requirements:*

- *You must be an enrolled graduate or undergraduate student as of XX,XX,2021.*
- *You must demonstrate need, which is measured by the FAFSA.*
- *\$1,200 awarded to Pell Grant eligible FT students. (\$600 PT)*
- *\$1,000 awarded to FT undergraduate students (\$500 PT) that have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) outside the Pell Grant parameters, but below a 15,000 EFC.*
- *\$400 awarded to FT students (\$200 PT) that have greater than 15,000 EFC*
- *\$300 awarded to FT students (\$150 PT) that were eligible but did not file FAFSA.*

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

UD Response: *The University anticipates sending a similar email as was sent to inform eligible students of the HEERF II funding.*

An email was sent with the following information:

We are informing you that we will be getting funds distributed from a Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) to you. These supplemental funds are to provide emergency financial aid funding to students “for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that all arise due to coronavirus such as food, housing, health care, (including mental health care) or child care.”

The check will be mailed to you for \$X.XX on DATE to your current address on file.

- *If you need to change your address, please respond to this email by XX,XX,2021*
- *If you would like the grant funds to be applied to your student account, please respond to this email by XX,XX, 2021.*

The emergency relief funds were allocated based upon students with the greatest need. This was based upon the expected family contribution (EFC) that was determined by Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We also took into consideration if you were enrolled full or part time and if you were in a graduate program.