

## **Higher Education Emergency Grant (CARES, HEERF II and HEERF III)-Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.**

The following information is provided to comply with the Department of Education's Higher Education Relief Act (HEERF) Reporting requirements.

Report Date: October 7, 2021. This report is for the third quarter of 2021 (July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021) and reflects the student portion of HEERF II and HEERF III funds only

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, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The University of Illinois Springfield signed and submitted the Funding Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education on April 15, 2020. The University agrees to use these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. A supplemental GAN was received from the US Department of Education on February 26, 2021 that included the HEERF II funds. Another supplemental GAN was received from the US Department of Education on June 8, 2021 that included HEERF III funds.

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.

\$865,944 –Cares Act funds  
\$865,944 – HEERF II funds  
\$3,008,204– HEERF III funds

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).

\$865,944 – All CARES Act funds have been fully expended.

\$865,944 – All HEERF II funds have been fully expended  
HEERF III funds have not yet been awarded.

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.

3944 (UIS Enrollment Headcount Fall 2021)

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.

1092 (Cares Act & HEERF II funds)

0 HEERF III funds

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.

HEERF II emergency grant funds were awarded to undergraduate students who meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled spring 2021
- FAFSA on file with an EFC <\$5,711 as of March 8, 2021 (Pell Eligible)
- Citizenship or eligible non-citizen status has been confirmed through the FAFSA application process – we also allowed for international as they were added as eligible
- Award amounts will range based on EFC and may be supplemented by institutional funds based on funding availability:
  - EFC 0-5,711 (Pell eligible) – Any remaining balance on Tuition if student approved and then \$1000 per student

Eligibility of emergency grant funds for international, graduate and professional students was determined through an application process managed by the Graduate College. Award amounts for graduate and

professional students were \$1000 until funding was expended. This was done on a first come first serve basis.

HEERF III funds awarding criteria is currently being finalized.

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

Guidance will be forthcoming for once the finalized HEERF III funds awarding criteria is determined.