

**ARP Emergency Grants to Students  
Third Quarter Report (July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021)**

***Update August 30, 2021***

Please see information below regarding the first batch of awards disbursed to students. It should be noted that students awarded an emergency grant in the summer 2021 term, are also eligible to receive additional emergency grants during the 2021-22 academic year.

- The total amount of HEERF grants distributed to students in the summer 2021 term: \$467,500
- The total number of students who have received a HEERF grant in the summer 2021 term: 935 students were each provided a \$500 grant.
- The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive HEERF grants and how much they would receive: In accordance with guidance from ED, that students with exceptional financial need should receive priority consideration, campus leadership decided to provide all students a \$500 emergency grant who received a Federal Pell Grant disbursement during the summer 2021 term. Generally, students who receive a Federal Pell Grant are considered to have the greatest need per ED.
- Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the HEERF grants: Students were automatically awarded the funds, thus they did not need to apply. Students were sent an email notifying them of the receipt of the funds and that they may use the funds for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arose due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.

***Update September 24, 2021***

The application to apply for ARP funds was open from Monday, August 2, 2021, through the end of the day on Monday, September 13, 2021. There were 8,057 unduplicated applications submitted of which thirty-eight were determined to be ineligible for the following reasons:

- There were twenty-six students who indicated they were not impacted by COVID-19; and
- There were twelve students not enrolled in any term since March 13, 2020, the date the national emergency was declared due to COVID-19.

In accordance with guidance of prioritizing students with exceptional financial need, all students who had a disbursed Federal Pell Grant for the fall 2021 term as of September 16, 2021, were automatically awarded an emergency grant, even if they did not complete an application. The thought process was the same as the prior two rounds of HEERF funds in that the work group felt confident that all Federal Pell Grant recipients incurred pandemic-related educational expenses regardless of whether they applied.

Similar with the process for awarding HEERF II funds, for those students who completed an application and were determined to be eligible, keeping in the mind the exceptional need guidance, the work group divided students into tiers based upon the EFC as calculated by the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as of September 14, 2021 (EFC's are subject to change). As noted below, award amounts varied based upon the tier.

- Tier 1 – Students with an EFC of 5,846 or below were awarded grants of \$1,350. The previously mentioned Federal Pell Grant recipients would be included within this tier.

- Tier 2 – Students with an EFC of 5,847 to 24,324 were awarded grants of \$1,050. This would include those students above the Federal Pell Grant eligibility up to the cost of attendance (COA) used for an undergraduate Wisconsin resident who is full-time student and living on or off-campus (not with parents).
- Tier 3 – Students with an EFC greater than 24,324 were awarded grants of \$850. Using the EFC per the FAFSA is the most consistent manner to determine need, but it must be noted that the 2021-22 FAFSA used 2019 federal tax information, thus it may no longer be reflective of the student’s current situation. Therefore, as these students completed the application and certified they incurred emergency expenses due to COVID-19 it was determined that they should also receive an award. Unlike the previous two emergency grants, there are no eligibility requirements tied to the FAFSA, such as citizenship. Therefore, even students who were not eligible to complete the FAFSA are eligible for emergency grants. Based upon the inability to determine their need, these students were treated the same as students determined to have no need.
- Tier 4 - Unlike the previous two emergency grants, students did not need to be currently enrolled. Students enrolled on or after March 13, 2020 (the date the national emergency was declared) are eligible for the emergency grants and were awarded grants of \$250.

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b># of Students</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	\$1,350	EFC <5,846 (received Pell)	5,286	\$7,136,100
1A	\$1,350	EFC <5,846 (did not receive Pell)	968	\$1,306,800
2	\$1,050	EFC 5,847 – 24,324	1,740	\$1,827,000
3	\$850	EFC >24,324 (no need)	870	\$739,500
3A	\$850	No FAFSA (unable to determine need)	1,033	\$878,050
4	\$250	Not Active Student	799	\$199,750
			10,696	\$12,087,200
	\$500	Previously Awarded Summer 2021 (received Pell)	935	\$467,500
		TOTALS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021	11,631	\$12,554,700

Funds were paid through the students account and automatically generated a refund. Students were sent an email notifying them of the receipt of the funds and that they may use the funds for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arose due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.