



Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report (HEERF): Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students ARP Galveston College Quarterly Report – June 30, 2021

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 which was signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. The drawdown of the available funding within G5 was an indication of acceptance of the award.

- 1. An acknowledgment 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 ARP (a)(1) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

Galveston College signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than the required amount of funds received to provide HEERF grants to students.
- 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 ARP (a)(1) programs.**

ARP requires that an institution receiving funding under section 314(a)(1) provide at least 50% of an institution's funds be spent on student grants. The student portion of the ARP funding is \$2,367,500.00.
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP and (a)(1) programs as of the date of submission.**

As of June 30, 2021, Galveston College has distributed \$0 HEERF III ARP funds.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP and (a)(1) programs.**

As of June 30, 2021, Galveston College has 2033 students eligible to apply for HEERF III ARP funds.
- 5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP (a)(1) programs.**

As of June 30, 2021, Galveston College has distributed HEERF III ARP funds to 0 unduplicated students.
- 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 ARP (a)(1) programs.**

The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive HEERF grants and how much they would receive. Unlike the CARES Act, the ARP requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants. In addition, the ARP explicitly provides that financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education.

The HEERF Emergency Fund Taskforce is comprised of three voting members and one ex-officio. The task force met on April 14, 2020, to determine the student application method, method of student notifications, eligibility amounts, and review process.

Emergency Funding Process:

ARP funds were not disbursed during the 2nd Quarter.

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

An email, cares@gc.edu, was created for students to direct their questions or concerns. The email is closely monitored and responded with 2 days.