

HEERF III American Rescue Plan (ARP) Quarterly Reporting (Student Portion)

Alcorn State University

Date of Report: December 20, 2021Covering Quarter End: December 31, 2021 (HEERF III Report)

| Reporting Requirements | University Response |
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| (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 ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students | The American Rescue Plan (ARP) included additional COVID-19 relief for institutions of higher education. This new COVID stimulus bill included \$40 billion, available through September 30, 2023, for higher education institutions and students, using the same Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) model established in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. ASU acknowledges that the University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement under the CARES Act and therefore are not required to complete additional applications or forms. The ARP HEERF III funds require that 50% of an ASU institution's funds be spent on student grants. |
| (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) and (a)(4) programs | The total amount of HEERF III funds that ASU received from ED is \$15,634,269. ASU must provide grants to eligible students at least 50% of allocation. The amount allocated for the student portion of HEERF III is \$7,925,802. |
| (3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the 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). | HEERF III Grant funds distributed to students: October - December 2021 (Third Quarterly Report) \$6,276,800 as of December 31, 2021 (HEERF III funds used in Sept. \$26,550 + funds from this quarter totaling \$6,393,350 leaves a balance of \$1,622.452 for spring) |
| (4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs | The estimated total number of students at ASU eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid (EFA) Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 3,265 (students enrolled since spring 2020 semester). |
| (5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. | The total number of students who have received HEERF III Grant funds: 2,525 students as of December 31, 2021 |
| (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) and (a)(4) programs. | ASU based prioritization of students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell grants but not limited to student who receive Pell grants. Eligibility for funds is based on a student's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). The highest aid awards will be available to students with zero EFC; the smallest allocations will be available to students with a higher EFC. |
| (7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants | Additional guidance for HEERF II grants: University will send an email to current enrolled fall students. Eligible students will be awarded according to above criteria. Once students have been deemed eligible, Bursar and Accounting will be notified to disburse funds. Students have the option to place HEERF III Award directly towards any balance owed. Notify the bursar's office via email at bursaroffice@alcorn.edu . |