

HEERF Student Aid Report

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Quarter 4 Report-Due 1/10/2022

Governors State University submits Quarterly Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund report to Department of Education Secretary. Each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website. Accordingly, the University is providing this information to the GSU community in compliance with this directive:

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 CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

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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.

The University has received the amounts below for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. All amounts will be used to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The University draws down the funds from the Department of Education's G5 system based on actual disbursements made to students.

	Student Emergency Aid Grants
HEERF I CARES	1,851,301.00
HEERF II CRRSAA	1,851,301.00
HEERF III ARP	5,288,070.00
Total	8,990,672.00

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).

As of January 7, 2021, the University has awarded \$1,851,301 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of April 10, 2021, the University has awarded \$1,851,301 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, and \$1,851,301 under the CRRSAA. Additionally, the University awarded \$21,549 from its institutional CRRSAA funding.

As of July 10, 2021, the University has awarded \$1,851,301 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, and \$1,851,301 under the CRRSAA. Additionally, the University awarded \$21,549 from its institutional CRRSAA funding. No ARP funds have yet been distributed.

As of **September 30, 2021**, the University has awarded \$1,851,301 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, and \$1,851,301 under the CRRSAA. Additionally, the University awarded \$21,549 from its institutional CRRSAA funding. No ARP funds have yet been distributed.

As of **December 31, 2021**, the University has awarded \$1,851,301 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, \$1,851,301 under the CRRSAA, and 5,288,070 under the ARP. Additionally, the University awarded \$21,549 from its institutional CRRSAA funding and \$3,270 from its institutional ARP funding.

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.

As of April 10, 2021, 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 is: 4,077

As of July 10, 2021, 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 is: 2,295

As of September 30, 2021, 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 is: 4,009.

As of December 31, 2021, 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 is: 4,398.

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.

As of April 10, 2021, 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 is: 4,076 under CRRSAA.

As of July 10, 2021, 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 is: 4,076 under CRRSAA. No ARP funds have been distributed yet.

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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.

Unlike Round 1 funding, for CRRSAA and ARP, GSU did not require students to apply, but rather we distributed monies to the students using spring semester census to develop a matrix based on three primary factors: financial need (Pell / MAP eligibility as shown on the FAFSA), full or part-time status, and undergraduate / graduate status. Below is the matrix of how awards were determined for CRRSAA and ARP.

CRRSAA Matrix (used for Spring 2021 Awards)

Undergraduate Students	1-6 Credit Hours	7-12 Credit Hours	More than 12 Credit Hours
Receiving Pell and/or MAP	\$360	\$600	\$1050
Not Receiving Pell or MAP	\$200	\$400	\$650
Graduate Students	\$140	\$350	\$600

ARP Matrix (used for Fall 2021 Awards)

Undergraduate Students	1-5 Credit Hours	6-11 Credit Hours	12 or more Credit Hours
Receiving Pell and/or MAP	\$980	\$1410	\$2310
Not Receiving Pell or MAP	\$575	\$760	\$1275
Graduate Students	\$400	\$575	\$1100

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

Students were made aware of these funds through various methods, including direct e-mails, references to such in e-mail correspondences, and in communications by student counselors, advisors, and coaches. An email was sent to all active students. The text of this email is included in this report. Grant recipients are provided notification that the grant was funded through HEERF and to be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs due to coronavirus.

From: Dean of Students

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:36 AM

To: Dean of Students <deanofstudents@govst.edu>

Subject: COVID-19 Financial Assistance for Currently Enrolled (Fall 2021) Students

Importance: High

Governors State University

Office of the Dean of Students

The U.S. Department of Education has made an additional \$36 billion available to institutions of higher education to ensure student learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of that amount, **approximately \$5.3 million has been allocated directly to Governors State University students.**

There will not be an application for these funds and no action is required. The University will award grant funds per the Department of Education guidelines to eligible students who were enrolled as of September 14, 2021. Amounts will be determined based on three primary factors: financial need (as shown on the FAFSA), undergraduate/graduate status, and credit hours. See the chart outlining the allocations, below:

Undergraduate Students	1-5 Credit Hours	6-11 Credit Hours	12 or More Credit Hours
Receiving Pell and/or MAP	\$980	\$1410	\$2310
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Graduate Students	\$400	\$575	\$1100

Grants will be awarded as direct payments to students and may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that

arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. Students are encouraged to use some of these funds to plan ahead for the Spring term as ongoing federal emergency funding may not be available. The grant does not need to be repaid. Students can expect to receive funds by early November. Payments will be made electronically first. To review or set up direct deposit on the myGSU portal, follow [these instructions](#) (PDF). If direct deposit is not set up at the time payment is processed, a paper check will be mailed to the address the University has on file. To review or update contact information, check the myGSU portal.

The [GSU4U website](#) has information about various community resources addressing food and housing insecurities, as well as technology and other resources. Please visit the website for more information and check back regularly as new resources are added frequently. **We also encourage you to seek emotional support during these uncertain and stressful times.** GSU's Counseling and Wellness Center continues to offer services remotely by phone and video conference, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Schedule a virtual appointment on the myGSU portal or call 708-235-7334.

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