

HEERF Student Aid Report

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Quarter 1 Report-April 2021

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.

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

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.

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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, 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. For ARP, the matrix is still forthcoming based on the Fall 2021 census.

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

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](#)
To: [Dean of Students](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Financial Assistance for Currently Enrolled (Spring 2021) Students
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 9:25:32 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

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On January 14, 2021, the [U.S. Department of Education announced](#) that \$21.2 billion would be made available to institutions of higher education to ensure student learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of that amount, **approximately \$1.8 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 on February 24, 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:

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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. The grant does not need to be repaid. Students can expect to receive funds in early March. Payments will be made electronically first. To review or set up direct deposit on the myGSU portal, follow [these instructions](#). 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.

Unfortunately, institutions cannot award these federal funds to undocumented / DACA and international students. To address student needs equitably, GSU is exploring ways in which we can assist students who do not qualify. These students will be contacted separately with more information soon.

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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Dear Students,

I am following up on the e-mail from Friday, February 26, 2021. I am pleased to share that, thanks to the tremendous work of the University's Foundation, we will be able to award students who are ineligible for federal assistance using private gifts and donations. As a result, **all students enrolled on February 24 will receive assistance.**

Students can expect to receive a payment within 14 days of the aid posting to their student account per federal regulations.

Thank you for your patience as we process these awards.

Sincerely,

Corey M. Williams (he, him, his, él)

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students

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