

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

January 10, 2022 - Report #4

**Pepperdine's final CRRSAA report was posted on October 10, 2021. Therefore the responses below relate only to ARPA Emergency Financial Aid Grants*

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.

Institutions who received HEERF I grant funds under the CARES Act were not required to submit an application for the HEERF II or HEERF III grants. Pepperdine University received its HEERF III Grant Award Notification on May 20, 2021. In keeping with the terms of acceptance of these funds, Pepperdine University will use no less than \$4,849,035, in accordance with section 2003(7) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly 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 CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Pepperdine University received \$4,849,035 in aid from the Department of Education.

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).

*From October 1, 2021-December 31, 2021, Pepperdine University distributed **\$1,340,450** to students.*

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 October 5, 2021, the total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants is estimated to be **17,763** students.*

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.

*The total number of students who have received ARPA Emergency Financial Aid grants is **3,193**.*

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.

If you are identified as an enrolled, degree-seeking student (as of September 10, 2021) for 2021-2022, you may be eligible to receive ARPA funds. Because ARPA prioritizes students with "exceptional need", eligible students were identified by reviewing students' EFC. ARPA emergency grant amounts were determined by the student's EFC according to the [ARPA distribution tables](#).

Students can also submit requests for emergency funding by contacting [Pepperdine's Student Care Team \(SCT\)](#), who then work with Financial Aid to verify HEERF eligibility. Based on DOE guidance, information shared by Financial Aid, and the student interview to understand need, award designations have been made. A student's most urgent need and the number of requests for aid were evaluated in accordance with Department of Education guidance, and ultimately informed award amounts. Students received payment via email and were instructed to accept funds to the bank of their choice.

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

All pertinent information available to students regarding HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grants is posted at the following link: <https://www.pepperdine.edu/coronavirus/cares-act/>.

**Pepperdine will continue to monitor Department guidance and update reporting and distribution of funds accordingly.*