

## **Hope International University ARP / HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

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 following information is provided by Hope International University as required by the Department of Education in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the ARP.

As directed by the U.S. Department of Education, institutions receiving HEERF funds must publicly report the following information 30 days after receipt of funds and every calendar quarter thereafter, ending with the date on which all funds are expended:

**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) program 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 Grant. Hope International University received its HEERF III Grant Award Notification on July 16, 2021. In keeping with the terms of acceptance of these funds, Hope International University will use no less than \$1,186,241 (the student portion) of the funds received under Section 2003(a)(1) of the Act CFDA 84.425E Allocation to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

**2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

The total amount of funds that Hope International University received from the Department of Education is \$1,186,241 pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

**3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).**

Hope International University has distributed \$908,550 directly to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of December 31, 2021.

**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) program.**

The estimated total amount of students that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid is 1,050.

**5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the ARP (a)(1) program.**

Hope International University has distributed HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 755 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) program.**

Hope International University is committed to using the ARP funds, within the parameters set by the U.S. Department of Education, to prioritize students with exceptional financial needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible. Accordingly, ARP emergency financial aid grants to students enrolled (i.e., not in registered status only) as of September 23, 2021 for the Fall 2021 Semester will be automatically disbursed as follows:

- \$2,000 Degree seeking students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between \$0 - \$5,846 and enrolled full time.
- \$1,000 Degree seeking students with an EFC between \$0 - \$5,846 and enrolled less than full time.
- \$725 Degree seeking students with an EFC that exceeds \$5,846 or degree seeking students without a FAFSA and enrolled full time.
- \$350 Degree seeking students with an EFC that exceeds \$5,846 or degree seeking students without a FAFSA and enrolled less than full time.

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

Hope International University notified eligible students about the availability of Emergency Financial Aid Grants via the following email from the University's president on September 24, 2021.

[Copy of initial email notification to students]:

September 27, 2021

Dear HIU Students,

I'm delighted to share additional good news regarding HEERF student emergency financial aid grants that will affect many of you. Please take time to read the rest of the email.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law and established a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III). Hope International University has received \$1,186,241 in HEERF III funds to directly support students who have demonstrated need and are facing financial challenges because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with the ARP, emergency financial aid grants will be provided to eligible students enrolled (i.e., not in registered status only) as of September 24, 2021 for the Fall 2021 Semester to help cover expenses related to the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. The emergency financial aid grants are not required to be repaid and are nontaxable.

Hope International University is committed to using the ARP funds, within the parameters set by the U.S. Department of Education, to prioritize students with exceptional financial needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible. HEERF III emergency financial aid grants are expected to be disbursed beginning the first week of October and proceeding through the month of October and early November. Please visit [bit.ly/HIU-HEERF3](https://bit.ly/HIU-HEERF3) for more information, including emergency financial aid grant amounts and eligibility requirements. Follow up questions should be directed to Student Financial Services.

I am so happy we are able to be back on campus. Know that I pray for you daily and I appreciate everything we are all doing to keep HIU a safe environment this year.

In Him,

Dr. Paul Alexander