

HEERF III (ARP) Funds Report (March 31, 2022):

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Section 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat.281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

Below are Bethany Lutheran College's responses to the items requested by the Department of Education regarding HEERF III (ARP):

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than the required amount of funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

BLC Response: On April 24, 2020 BLC signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement with the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use no less than the required amount of funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act 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 under HEERF III (ARP)

BLC Response: BLC will receive \$1,399,229 from the Department of Education from HEERF III (ARP).

3. The total amount of HEERF III Grants distributed to students

BLC Response: \$7,436 of HEERF III (ARP) dollars were distributed as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students in July of 2021. \$368,650 of HEERF III (ARP) dollars were distributed as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students in October of 2021. \$342,100 of HEERF III (ARP) dollars were distributed as Emergency Grants to students in February of 2022.

4. The total number of students who received a HEERF III (ARP) Grant

BLC Response: 36 students who were enrolled in summer classes received emergency grants from HEERF III (ARP) funding in July of 2021. 481 students who were enrolled in fall semester classes received emergency grants from HEERF III (ARP) funding in October of 2021. 452 students who were enrolled in spring semester classes received emergency grants from HEERF III (ARP) funding in February of 2022.

5. The method used by the institution to determine which students receive HEERF III (ARP) grants and how much they would receive

BLC Response:

Summer 2021 Distribution

Traditional students enrolled for Summer courses were awarded grants in July of 2021 (Internationals, PostBac, and Graduate students were excluded.) 36 students received a grant. Grant amounts varied depending on EFC and number of enrolled credits as follows:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>EFC Range</u>	<u>Grant per credit</u>
1	0-\$5,711	\$67
2	\$5,712-\$9,999	\$54
3	\$10,000-\$19,999	\$37
4	\$20,000 and above	\$29

Fall 2021 Distribution

Of the 800 students enrolled for the Fall 2021 distribution, students were divided into the 4 tiers listed below and were awarded those amounts. In order to be eligible, FAFSA students enrolled in at least 6 credits were considered. Of the 800 students; 140 of them were PSEO, Dual Credit, Post Bac, International and Graduate Students, as well as 179 students with less than 6 credits and non-FAFSA filers were excluded from eligibility.

<u>Tier</u>	<u>EFC Range</u>	<u># of students</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	\$0-5,846 (Pell Eligible)	189	\$ 1,050	\$ 198,450
2	\$5,847-\$9,999	60	\$ 900	\$ 54,000
3	\$10,000-\$19,999	100	\$ 700	\$ 70,000
4	\$20,000 and above	<u>132</u>	\$ 350	<u>\$ 46,200</u>
		481		\$ 368,650

Spring 2022 Distribution

Of the 790 students enrolled for the Spring 2022 distribution, students were divided into the 4 tiers listed below and were awarded those amounts. In order to be eligible, FAFSA students enrolled in at least 6 credits were considered. Of the 790 students; 180 of them were PSEO, Dual Credit, Post Bac, International and Graduate Students, as well as 158 students with less than 6 credits and non-FAFSA filers were excluded from eligibility.

<u>Tier</u>	<u>EFC Range</u>	<u># of students</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	\$0-5,846 (Pell Eligible)	171	\$ 1,050	\$ 179,550
2	\$5,847-\$9,999	55	\$ 900	\$ 49,500
3	\$10,000-\$19,999	97	\$ 700	\$ 67,900
4	\$20,000 and above	<u>129</u>	\$ 350	<u>\$ 45,150</u>
		452		\$ 342,100

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

BLC Response: See HEERF III letter dated July 15, 2021 that was included along with checks for the summer 2021 distributions. See HEERF III letter dated October 25, 2021 that was included along with checks for the fall 2021 distributions. See HEERF III letter dated February 28, 2022 that was included along with checks for the spring 2022 distributions.