

The ARP (American Rescue Plan) directs institutions receiving funds 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 III”).

Des Moines University signed and returned the Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students on 05/07/20. The institution has used or intends to use, the funds to provide the mandated amount of \$510,187 the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) grants to students.

Total Amount of Funding:

The total amount of funds that the institution will receive under the HEERF III student portion is \$510,187. As of 6/30/21, the institution has received \$510,187.

Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed to Students:

The total amount that has been distributed to students as of 6/30/21: \$510,187.

Total Number of Students who have Received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant:

The total number of students who have received an emergency grant as of 6/30/21 is 1177.

Estimated Total Number of Students at Des Moines University eligible to receive grants: The estimated total number of students as of 6/30/21 is 2010.

Methods(s) used by Des Moines University to determine who receives emergency financial aid grants (HEERF III)

Prioritization based on high need: Any student with an EFC of 10,000 or less will be considered high need and will be prioritized for HEERF III. The threshold EFC of 10,000 or less was chosen based upon the higher cost of attendance budgets at our institution which range from \$35,247 to \$88,098 with the assumption that any student with an EFC of \$10,000 at minimum would have \$25,000 in unmet need which we consider to be high need. In addition, due to the nature of curriculum in many programs, most students are unable to work and would not have additional funds even if they had earnings on their FAFSA from tax information from two years prior. Students who have an EFC higher than 10,000 will be considered low need and will not be prioritized for a HEERF grant. Block grants will be given in the amount of \$ to all students who meet EFC threshold of 10,000 or less. We assume all students have had increased expenses due to Covid-19 in one or more of the following categories: increased cost of food, cost of PPE, increased cost of technology and/or medical expense. The expenditure of block grants of \$ (HEERF II) to all prioritized students fully expends the student portion of the HEERF III funds.

Methodology: all student portion HEERF III were totaled for an amount of \$510,187. All active half time enrolled students with a valid 20-21 ISIR on file and an EFC of 10,000 or less were identified with a report from ITS. The report was developed with ITS and included all students who are active and enrolled at least half time (5 credits) for the Spring 2021 term. Those students are included in the report with the following parameters: name, email, student ID, cost of attendance budget for the AY, 9-month EFC from 20-21 ISIR, hiatus status and current spring enrollment (credit hours).

1177 students were identified in the report for prioritized funding. Total funding (\$510,187) was divided by number of students (1177) to find the per student grant amount of \$433.47. This fully expends the student portion of HEERF III.