

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)

April 10, 2022

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.

Institutions which received HEERF I Grant Funds under the CARES Act were not required to apply for the HEERF III Grant. Rather, “the terms, conditions, and requirements governing the institution’s use of these supplemental grant funds awarded pursuant to section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2) (supplemental award or grant) by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) are governed by section 2003 of the ARP and 314 of the CRRSAA (Pub. L. 116-260) and the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Agreement”.

Manchester Community College received notification of HEERF III (ARP) Grant Funding May 18, 2021 and acknowledges that the full amount of \$2,697,237 allocated for “financial aid grants to students (which may include students exclusively enrolled in distance education), which may be used for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care” will be used for this purpose.

HOW MUCH IN EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS?

As of	Total Amount Disbursed	Total Number of Students
June 12, 2021	\$573,025	191
July 10, 2021	\$620,575	211
October 10, 2021	\$2,214,025	687
January 10, 2022	\$2,529,360	790
April 10, 2022	\$2,697,237	859

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS?

- Students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency

HOW DID MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DETERMINE WHICH STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FUNDS?

- Manchester Community College will follow ARP requirements “students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from the HEERF, regardless of whether they completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or are eligible for Title IV”.
- Student will complete a survey on the Student Information Systems to determine need.

HOW DID STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS?

Students are given these two options

- I request my funds be paid directly to me and NOT applied towards tuition and fees.
 - Funds were posted directly to students accounts through the Bursar’s Office and refunded.
- I request my funds be applied toward my tuition and fee any remaining fund be refunded to me.
 - Funds were posted to the students accounts and applied to tuition and fees. Remaining if any was refunded.

Awarded students may have elected to receive awards via direct deposit by following the “How to Sign Up for Electronic Refunding” process at <https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds>.

If direct deposit is not set up, HEERFII funds were mailed to students at the permanent address on file at the College.