

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds

(HEERF III)

March 31, 2022

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) signed into law on March 11, 2021, gave the U.S. Department of Education funds to distribute to institutions of higher education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III).

As of December 31, 2021, 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: **\$3,315,154**

Nunez issued \$456,060 of these funds to 691 students in the fall 2021 Semester. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of March 31, 2022 for Spring 2022 (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter): **\$1,249,600**

The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act December 31, 2021: **781** The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act: March 31, 2022: **781**

Previous grant awards to were given to Title IV eligible students only. ARP Act allows for the addition of online, non-degree, and Non-Title IV credit seeking students. Following are the method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

- Students with active enrollment for Fall 2021, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA or are eligible for Title IV,
- Students that demonstrated an exceptional need who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity.

All students must have completed an online Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Application. Award amounts were distributed for students to use for costs related to tuition and fees, books and supplies, technology, food and housing, healthcare, and childcare.

Students in the following categories are NOT eligible to receive a HEERF Grant:

- Students who are incarcerated,
- High School/Dual Enrolled
- Visiting and non-matriculating students
- Students who are cross-enrolled and whose “home institution” is a non-LCTCS college,
- Full-time employees of the college

In the rare instance where a student is enrolled in two (2) or more LCTCS colleges, the college where the student is taking the most hours during the Spring 2022 semester will award the funds. Such students should not receive more than one (1) payment for the Spring 2022 semester.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds FAQ's

1. What is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)?

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (ARP) was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The Act provides supplemental funds to colleges to give to eligible students to assist with costs related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

2. What do I have to do to receive funds?

Students must complete an online Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Application. Eligible students should have also selected a refund preference. See #5.

3. What does it mean to be “eligible to receive Title IV funds?”

The United States Department of Education’s guidelines state that students must meet requirements as outlined in Section 484 of the Higher Education Act. So, to receive these grant funds students must:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program
Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school
- For currently enrolled students, be making satisfactory academic progress
- Not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan
- File "as part of the original financial aid application process" a certification that includes

- ✓ A statement of educational purpose
- ✓ Student's SSN
- Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen
- Have returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges
- Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits
- Have repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently
- Have Selective Service registration verified
- Have Social Security Number verified
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale while receiving Title IV aid, with certain time limitation

4. I know someone who goes to another college and received a different amount. Why is that?

Every college received a different amount of funds from the United States Department of Education. Because each college had a different amount of money and a different number of eligible students, grant amounts will vary by college.

5. How will I receive my funds?

Nunez Community College has partnered with BankMobile to deliver refunds to students.

If you have not selected your preference, simply follow these steps:

1. Log in to your LoLA account
2. Go to the STUDENT Tab and then to the ACADEMIC LINKS section. Under NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE, click on SELECT REFUND CHOICE.
3. Select how you want your refund delivered.

6. When will I receive my funds?

At this time, we have distributed grants on March 18, 2022.

7. Do these funds have to be repaid?

No. These are emergency grant funds and do not have to be repaid.

8. What am I supposed to use the funds for?

There are no specific restrictions on how you should use your funds. However, students are encouraged to use the funds to help them to continue attending college. Examples of uses of funds are tuition, food, housing, technology, health care (including mental health care), or childcare. Students may also use the funds towards any unpaid balance

at the college.

9. I have more questions. Whom can I contact?

If you have questions, please contact us by using our online support page at the following link <https://www.nunez.edu/online-support-page>. The Nunez staff welcomes your questions and will continue to find innovative ways to serve you.