

CARES Act: Department of Education Required Disclosures for the Receipt and Use of CARES Act Funds

Student Portion Public Reporting

1. An acknowledgement that the school signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution used—or intends to use—at least 50 percent of the CARES Act funds (HEERF I) received for emergency grants to students.
 - a. Sierra College signed the Certification and Agreement on May 4, 2020. We will use 50% of the CARES Act funds received for emergency grants to students as required by the Certification and Agreement.
 - b. Sierra College received notification from the Department of Education of our HEERF II funding level on Jan. 22, 2021.
 - c. Sierra College received notification from the Department of Education of our HEERF III funding level on May 13, 2021.
2. The total amount of funds a school received—or will receive—from ED.
 - a. Sierra College will receive \$7,595,582.
 - b. Sierra College must award \$3,797,791 as direct aid to students using HEERF II funds.
 - c. Sierra College must award \$14,503,478 as direct aid to students using HEERF III funds.
3. The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students as of the posting/submission date:
 - a. \$2,852,000 as of May 15, 2020
 - b. \$2,885,000 as of June 2, 2020
 - c. \$2,904,000 as of July 9, 2020
 - d. \$2,912,200 as of August 24, 2020
 - e. \$2,902,200 as of October 9, 2020
 - f. \$3,673,106 as of December 7, 2020
 - g. \$3,797,791 as of February 15, 2021
 - h. This concludes the first round of HEERF I allocation for students
HEERF II
 - i. \$3,667,550 as of February 25, 2021 HEERF II
 - j. \$3,798,700 as of April 19, 2021 HEERF II
 - k. This concludes the second round of HEERF II allocation for students
HEERF III
 - l. Place holder for first disbursement for fall 2021

4. The estimated number of students eligible to participate in the emergency grant program (the number of Title IV eligible students under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act).
 - a. Sierra College has 19,104 FAFSAs on file for 2019-2020
 - b. Funding for HEERF II was signed into law on December 27, 2020. We can only award students using HEERF II funds to students enrolled in spring 2021 or after. Sierra College has 16,334 students enrolled for spring 2021. Of this, 8,558 students have a FAFSA on file. HEERF II will be awarded to students who have a FAFSA on file. Students enrolled in spring 2021 who did not file a FAFSA must do so to be considered for this grant.
 - c. Funding for HEERF III was signed into law on December 27, 2020. We can award students using HEERF III funds to students enrolled in spring 2021 or after. As of August 16, 2021, Sierra College has 14,654 students enrolled for fall 2021. Of these, 12,825 students have a FAFSA/CADA on file. HEERF III will be awarded by block grants to students who have a FAFSA/CADA on file. Students who have not completed a FAFSA/CADA will need to complete a HEERF III Grant Application to help determine the level of the grant to be awarded.

5. The estimated number of students eligible to participate in the emergency grant program (the number of Title IV eligible students under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act) Sierra College has 19,104 FAFSAs on file for 2019-2020.

The total number of students who have received emergency grants under the CARES Act/HEERF I, II, III.

- a. 5,357 students as of May 15, 2020
- b. 5,417 students as of June 2, 2020
- c. 5,458 students as of July 9, 2020
- d. 5,493 students as of August 24, 2020
- e. 5,536 students as of October 9, 2020
- f. 8,737 duplicated student awards as of December 7, 2020
- g. 8,953 duplicated student awards as of February 15, 2021
- h. This concludes the first round of HEERF I funds

HEERF II Allocation

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in the HEERF II emergency grant program is 16,334 enrolled students for spring 2021. Only students who elect to complete a FAFSA may be considered for this grant as long as funds remain

- i. 6,925 students awarded as of Feb 25, 2021
- j. 7,155 students awarded as of Apr 19, 2021
- k. 7,303 students awarded as of July 13, 2021
- l. This concludes HEERF II funds for students

August 25, 2021

HEERF III Allocation

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in the HEERF III emergency grant program is 14,654 enrolled students for all 2021 as of 8-16-21. Only students who elected to complete a FAFSA/CADA may be considered for the block grant as long as funds remain. Students who do not complete or cannot complete a FAFSA/CADA will be treated as if they have a high EFC and must complete a HEERF III Grant application.

6. The method(s) used to determine which students received the emergency grants and how much they received:

CARES/HEERF I Allocation

Phase 1

- Block Grant Award \$400 to students with an EFC below \$5,577 and enrolled in less than 6 units
- Block Grant Award \$600 to students with an EFC below \$5,577 and enrolled in 6 or more units

Phase 2

- Remaining CARES Funds will be determined by CARES Grant Application submitted by all currently enrolled students

Phase 3 – Fall 2020

- Awarding due to homelessness as a result of COVID
- EFC changes due to COVID
- Dependency override under circumstances due to COVID
- Identified students with food insecurities
- Identified students with COVID-related emergencies
- Awarded students who were in attendance spring 2020 and continued into fall 2020 an additional \$200 grant

HEERF II Allocation Method

Phase 1, block grants were provided to the following:

- Awarded all Pell eligible and packaged students enrolled in spring 2021
 - Enrolled 6.5 units or more a block grant of \$800
 - Enrolled 6 or fewer units a block grant of \$500

- Non-Pell eligible students with an EDE Record enrolled in spring 2021 with no Pell packaged and EFC higher than 5,711 (Pell chart cut-off)
- Enrolled 6.5 units or more a block grant of \$350
- Enrolled in 6 or fewer units a block grant of \$250

Phase 2

- Direct grant application requested by a student and must have a FAFSA on file

Phase 3

- On July 13, 2021, students who were enrolled in summer 2021 and who have been disbursed Pell Grant in summer 2021 received \$75 in HEERF II.

HEERF III Block Grant Allocation Method

Phase 1

EFC of 10,000 or less can receive the following grant amount based on their annual enrollment:

- 15 or more units, \$2,500
- 12-14.5 units, \$1,500
- 6.5 – 11.5 units, \$1,000
- Halftime or below, \$500

EFC of 10,001 to 20,000 can receive the following grant amount based on their enrollment level:

- 15 or more units, \$1,500
- 12-14.5 units, \$800
- 6.5-11.5 units, \$500
- Halftime or below, \$300

Phase 2

- Students may receive additional award amounts due to homelessness, hunger insecurities, and emergencies that disrupt their academic success. This discretion is made with the staff working directly with the student on their emergencies.
 - Direct grant application requested by a student and must have a FAFSA/CADA on file if eligible to complete one.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided to students concerning the emergency grants. For more information, visit Grant Application for Sierra College Students.

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