

Lake Region State College HEERF Act Quarterly Report – 12/31/2021

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act's Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)

- LRSC received \$883,383 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- As of December 31, 2021, LRSC has distributed \$883,382 to 1,082 students
- Approximately 1,102 students were eligible for HEERF grants

Eligible **expenses** include:

- any component of their cost of attendance
- emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as: tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental), and childcare.

Institutions are required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants.

- Eligible students enrolled on or after March 13, 2020, for Spring 2020, Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 semesters. Students must have been degree seeking students who are currently not enrolled at another institution. LRSC will distribute 25% of the funding it has received for this population of students felt to have suffered the most impact from the COVID-19 emergency. Students will have 90 days from the date of disbursement to cash the funds. If the check has not been cashed it will be voided. The institution will either re-issue to another student or return the funds to the Department of Education.
- Students who were enrolled as degree seeking students for the Fall 2021 semester (at the time of census) will receive the following:
 - Pell grant recipients: \$1,400
 - Non-Pell grant recipients: \$1,000
- The remaining funding (approximately 3%) will be open for international applicants or students that have a special circumstance caused by the COVID-19 emergency.
- Degree seeking international students must complete the application on the website.
- Degree seeking, currently enrolled students that have a special circumstance can email a request to the LRSC HEERF III Committee – kelsey.walters@lrsc.edu
- Any remaining HEERF III funds that have not been requested by Jan 31, 2022, will be distributed to eligible enrolled students receiving Pell grant.

Letter & email notification sent to previously enrolled students:



Lake Region State College has received emergency relief grant funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) which is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP). LRSC has identified students enrolled on or after March 13, 2020, for Spring 2020, Summer 2020, and Fall 2020 semesters as having exceptional need during the hardest portion of the COVID-19 pandemic. LRSC has reserved 25% of the funding for this population of students. Students will have 90 days from the date of disbursement to cash the funds. If the check has not been cashed it will be voided. The institution will either re-issue to another student or return the funds to the Department of Education.

Email sent to currently enrolled students 11/29/2021

Students:

Lake Region State College has been awarded a grant through The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Institutions are required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants. *Please see the website for complete awarding policy.*

Funds are to be used for:

- **any component of your cost of attendance**
- **emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as: tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental), and childcare.**
- Students who were enrolled as degree seeking students for the Fall 2021 semester (at the time of census) will receive the following:
 - Pell grant recipients: \$1,400
 - Non-Pell grant recipients: \$1,000

International students will need to complete an application to apply for HEERF III funding – please see the website for the application. <https://www.lrsc.edu/american-rescue-plan-arp-acts-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund-heerf-iii>

These funds will be available by check or direct deposit (whichever method you have on file with the business office). **If you would like to apply these funds to your bill** at LRSC, please contact the business office: 701-662-1567 or 701-662-1504.

****THIS GRANT IS NOT A PART OF YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER/PACKAGE****. You will be able to view this on your campus connection account, but it IS NOT part of your aid package.

If you do not meet this criteria or have an unusual circumstance with additional costs due to the COVID 19 emergency you can email a request explaining your circumstance to kelsey.walters@lrsc.edu and the LRSC HEERF III Committee will review it.