

Idaho State University (OPEID: 00162000)

Federal Emergency HEERF Grants (Fall 2021) – Quarter 4 Student Portion Report

Idaho State University (ISU) completed and returned the Certification and Agreement for the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)** Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) on April 24, 2020.

Idaho State University (ISU) was informed of HEERF II eligibility under the **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)** on January 14, 2021, and became eligible to distribute the funds after the HEERF annual report was submitted on February 8, 2021. These additional funds were covered under the existing Certification and Agreement for the CARES Act HEERF funds signed April 24, 2020.

Idaho State University (ISU) was informed of **American Rescue Plan (ARP)** – HEERF III eligibility on May 11, 2021. These additional funds are covered under the existing Certification of Agreement for the CARES Act HEERF funds signed April 24, 2020. This funding under ARP is often referred to as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III).

Idaho State University (ISU) prioritized grant payments to students with the highest demonstrated need. These funds were provided to eligible students to be used on anything related to the cost of attendance or educational expenses, such as daycare, food, housing, medical fees, etc.

Federal Emergency HEERF Grant Reporting:

Idaho State University (ISU) has received a total of \$18,679,927 in HEERF student funding to provide emergency grants to students which includes the following:

- \$3,548,920 from CARES (HEERF I)
- \$3,548,920 from CRRSAA (HEERF II)
- \$11,582,087 from ARP (HEERF III)

As of September 8, 2021, ISU has distributed the full amount of its Emergency Financial Aid Grant funding for students under HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III. The estimated total number of students potentially eligible in Quarter 3 was 8,432. As of September 8, 2021, a total of \$18,695,060.50 (including all of the above outlined funding plus \$15,133.50 covered by institutional funds) has been disbursed to 12,667 unduplicated students. Since ISU has distributed all of its allocation of HEERF student grant funding, no funds were disbursed in Quarter 4.

Detailed information about Idaho State University's HEERF Emergency Grant distributions to students is available at <https://www.isu.edu/caresact>

Federal Emergency HEERFIII Grant Criteria and Eligibility (Quarter 3 distribution):

For the ARP HEERF III distribution, Idaho State University used the 2021-2022 FAFSA to determine student need. HEERF III payments to students varied based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculated on the FAFSA and their full-time or part-time status at the time of distribution. Eligible students who did not complete a FAFSA or who did not submit all required documents received only a minimal payment.

Eligible students met the following requirements:

- Must be an enrolled undergraduate or graduate student for Fall 2021 (cannot be withdrawn) as of the date/time of the grant distribution.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as defined by FAFSA.
- To be considered for an award higher than the minimal award, a valid 2021-2022 FAFSA (all required verification documents submitted, if selected for verification) was required. Those who met all other criteria, but had not submitted a FAFSA or had an invalid FAFSA or did not submit all required verification documents, were considered for minimal awarding.

ISU is opted to exclude International students, students who received employee/employee spouse/senior citizen discounted tuition benefits, and Early College/Dual Enrollment students.

The highest grant amounts were provided to eligible students who exhibited the highest financial need as determined from their FAFSA. Furthermore, emergency grant award amounts for students who were enrolled less than full-time received a prorated amount.

For detailed information about communications provided to students and criteria used to determine eligibility for earlier HEERF student grant distributions at Idaho State University, visit <https://www.isu.edu/caresact>.