

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Student Grants Reporting: Created Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

September 30, 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 has allocated emergency financial aid grants called the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III**. The UAMS student portion will target students with exceptional need. These grants can be used by students toward educational costs and other emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.

UAMS signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the funding certification and agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 17, 2020.

**UAMS has been notified of a total HEERF III student grants allocation of \$1,253,545 under the ARPA.** UAMS will be using the designated amount to provide grants to students. UAMS received \$486,488 for student grants under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplementary Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). UAMS has distributed all of those funds with the final report found [here](#).

### ARPA Student Support

UAMS will distribute the students' grants for direct student support in a way that prioritizes eligible students with exceptional need and ensures that funds are distributed per federal guidance. UAMS provided the first round of student grants to PELL eligible students enrolled in the spring and summer terms as outlined below. Students were provided \$200. UAMS will distribute the remaining funds to PELL and non-PELL qualified students during the 2021-22 academic year.

### ARPA Funds Spent - Total number of students who have received HEERF III funds

Date Disbursed	Total Number of Students who Received Funds	Total Amount Disbursed to Students
August 20, 2021	Spring term PELL Eligible – 158	\$31,600.00
August 20, 2021	Summer term PELL eligible-5	\$1000

Students were notified on August 24, 2021, via their UAMS email account, of disbursement of the award. The award was credited to the student's account but bypassed any university charges. Refunds were issued in the form of an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) per student authorized directive or in the form of a mailed paper check to the student's address on record.



**Student Financial Services  
Financial Aid Office**

August 24, 2021

**UAMS ID:** [REDACTED]  
**Email Address:** [REDACTED]@uams.edu

**Re: CRRSAA Grant Disbursement Notice**

Dear [REDACTED],

In response to the global Covid-19 pandemic, CRRSAA Grant funds in the amount of \$200.00 have been applied to your student account. It may take up to 24 hours for this information to be reflected on the GUS student portal.

Your refund will automatically be processed within seven business days. If you are enrolled in direct deposit, your refund will be deposited into the account you selected. If you do not elect direct deposit, a refund check will be mailed to the address on file. Please verify or update your address on the [GUS student portal](#).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our office at (501) 686-5451.

Sincerely,

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