

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

April 13, 2022

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. On August 20, 2021, UAMS provided the first round of ARPA student grants (\$32,600.00) to PELL eligible students enrolled in the Spring and Summer terms as outlined in a previous report found [here](#). On April 13, 2022, UAMS disbursed the remaining ARPA student grant funds (1,220,945.00) as well as a portion of Institutional ARPA funds (\$46,255.00) to Pell and Non-Pell eligible students for the terms and amounts outlined below. Pell eligible students were provided \$600.00 and Non-Pell students were provided \$400.00

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
April 13, 2022	Fall 2021 Pell Eligible - 308	\$184,800.00
April 13, 2022	Fall 2021 Non-Pell Eligible – 2,706	\$1,082,400.00

Students were notified on April 13, 2022, 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**

April 13, 2022

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

Re: American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) Grant Disbursement Notice

Dear [REDACTED],

In response to the global Covid-19 pandemic, American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) Grant funds in the amount of \$400.00 have been applied to your student account. Eligibility for this grant was based on enrollment in the Fall 2021 term. 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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