

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I and II) – Student Aid Portion Report

Berkeley City College Quarterly Budget and Expenditures Report for ? – December 31, 2021

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Public Disclosure

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), March 27, 2020, directs institutions receiving CARES Act funding to submit a report to the Secretary of Education describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

These funds, which are grants, not loans, are available to help eligible students who are facing an unexpected financial emergency and need help with one or more of the following items in order to stay enrolled in college: housing, food, basic technology to assist with online learning, and other essentials due to circumstances relating to the pandemic.

The CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the HEERF allocation received from the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

1. Berkeley City College acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to assure that it intends to use no less than 50% of the total funds allocated to the college under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Per Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA Berkeley City College intends to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the CARES Act.

2. The total amount of HEERF (I, II, and III) funds allocated to school from the Department of Education.
 - HEERF I: \$922,262
 - HEERF II: \$922,262
 - HEERF III: \$4,066,369
 - Total funds allocated: \$5,910,893
3. The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of December 31, 2021.

- HEERF I: \$922,262
 - HEERF II: \$984,590
4. The estimated total number of students at Berkeley City College eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- HEERF I: 5,143
 - HEERF II: 849
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- HEERF I: 2,466
 - HEERF II: 849
6. The method(s) used by Berkeley City College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grant and how much they will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Berkeley City College initially used the following criteria to determine eligibility:

- Completed a FAFSA form
- US Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen
- Valid Social Security Number
- Registered with Selective Service (males only)
- High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Be enrolled in an approved degree or certificate program

In Spring 2021, with the Department's May 14, 2021 Final Rule, awarding criteria was expanded to allow any student, regardless of citizenship status, to qualify for HEERF funding. Students did not need to be in an eligible Title IV status, and allowed for non-credit students to receive emergency funding. The awarding criteria was expanded to allow for any enrolled student (3 units minimum or exclusively in a non-credit program) to receive an emergency grant if they had a demonstrated need.

Students ineligible to receive funds:

- Dropped all courses
- Students enrolled as special admission high school students

HEERF I (Award amount Based on Need and Courseload)

- Tier 1 - Pell Eligible (EFC < \$5,776)
 - Full Time: \$300
 - Half-Time: \$200
 - Less than Half-Time: \$100
 - Three-Quarter Time: \$50

- Tier 4 – No EFC and (AB 540 or Dreamer)
 - Full Time: \$300
 - Half-Time: \$200
 - Less than Half-Time: \$100
 - Three-Quarter Time: \$50

HEERF II

- Pell Eligible
 - Full Time: \$1,500
 - Part-Time: \$750
- Dreamers
 - Full Time: \$1,500
 - Part-Time: \$750

Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided to students concerning the emergency grants.

All students received a notification when they were awarded HEERF I and II funds. The notification explained what the money could be used for, refund process, and how to check their award status on their portal.

HEERF III - American Rescue Plan – Student Aid Portion

Quarterly Budget and Expenditures by Colleges

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2. The total amount of HEERF III allocated to school from the Department of Education.
 - HEERF III: \$4,066,369
3. The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students under the ARP HEERF III as of March 31, 2022
 - HEERF III: \$1,576,725
4. The estimated total number of students at Berkeley City College eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act
 - HEERF III: 3,890
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - HEERF III: 3,788

6. The method(s) used by Berkeley City College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grant and how much they will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Berkeley City College initially used the following criteria to determine eligibility:

	Categories	.5 - 5.5 units	6 - 11.5 units	12 or more units	Noncredit	Subtotal
Base Disbursement	EFC \$2k+	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 350		\$ 1,000
	EFC <= \$2K	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$ 400		\$ 1,100
	EFC <= \$1K	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550		\$ 1,650
	No EFC	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300		\$ 900
Add-ons	AB540	\$ 675	\$ 675	\$ 675		\$ 2,025
	Dreamer	\$ 675	\$ 675	\$ 675		\$ 2,025
	SG15					
	FY	\$ 475	\$ 475	\$ 475		\$ 1,425
NOCR	Noncredit				\$ 375	\$ 375

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