

About the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

On March 27, 2020, the federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). The CARES Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund ("HEERF"). A portion of HEERF funds must go directly to eligible students in the form of emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis ("HEERF Student Share Grant Funds"). Since the CARES Act in March 2020, two additional relief packages were passed. The required reporting for both the student and the institutional share is found below.

On September 30, 2021, the US Department of Education (ED) revised the quarterly reporting requirements. Effective with the 9/30/2021 quarterly reporting, the following reflects the most recent requirements outlined by ED. Below these figures are details about each funding source, total amounts to be received, and other information about the distribution of the student share grants.

Certification and Agreement

Rhodes State College signed the HEERF Certification and Agreement as required by HEERF and has designated the required amount of funds for programs to provide emergency financial relief to students.

Funds Received

The following is a breakdown of the student share of funds the College has received through the HEERF as provided by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSSA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

- Amount Received: \$3,827,258

Funds Distributed

The following is a breakdown of the funds the College has distributed in the form of emergency grants to students provided by HEERF:

- Amounts Distributed to Date
1/1/2022 – 3/31/2022: \$845,500
- Number of Students Who have Received HEERF Student Grants
10/1/2021 through 12/31/2021: 595 unique students

Method of Distribution

The College instituted an application for the student emergency grants. Any student who completed the application and met the eligibility criteria as prescribed by the HEERF received a \$1,000 emergency grant.

Instructions for Students

Information, including instructions and guidance for students on how to apply for these funds, can be found on the College's student [HEERF webpage](#).