

## **About the HEERF I (CARES Act), HEERF II (CRRSAA) Criteria, and HEERF III (ARP) Criteria**

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1. We, Foothill College, certify that we have signed and returned to the Department of Education (DOE) the required Certification and Agreement. We fully intend to use at least 50% of the funds received under Section 1804(a)(1) of the CARES Act and at least an equivocal amount from the HEERF II (CRRSAA) allocation to provide emergency financial aid grants to enrolled students. We also are using our HEERF III (ARP) student allocation to provide emergency financial aid grants to enrolled students.

2. The total amount of funds expected to be received from the DOE, and to be utilized for emergency financial aid grants to students is: \$1,200,719.00 for HEERF I funds, at least \$1,200,719.00 for HEERF II funds, and \$5,704,993.00 for HEERF III funds.

3. The total amount of HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III funds expended to students as of 11-09-2021 is \$4,860,275.00

4. The approximate number of students eligible to participate, under preliminary injunction status, not excluding exclusively online students, is approximately 28,908.

5. The total number of students who have been disbursed emergency financial aid grants as of 11-09-2021 is 3,152.

6. (a) The process of CARES Act (HEERF I) fund determination starts with a 'student needs' form being submitted by interested students. That list of students who submitted the form with their COVID-19 related expenses is run through Institutional Research (IR) to check for exclusively online students as of 3-13-2020 (Per DOE requirements) and to check for citizen status. Those allowable COVID-19 related expenses that are fundable by the CARES Act are coded and a set dollar amount per requested need is compiled. The offered funds are then disbursed into the Foothill College Student account for a 100% refund to students.

(b) The process of CRRSA Act (HEERF II) fund determination starts with a 'student needs' form being submitted by interested students. That list of students who submitted the form with their COVID-19 related expenses is validated for eligible payment status. Those allowable COVID-19 related expenses that are fundable by the CRRSA Act are coded and a set dollar amount per requested need is compiled. The offered funds are then disbursed into the Foothill College Student account for a 100% refund to students.

(c) The process of ARP (HEERF III) fund determination starts with a 'student needs' form being submitted by interested students. That list of students who submitted the form with their COVID-19 related expenses is validated for eligible payment status. Those allowable COVID-19 related expenses that are fundable by the ARP are coded and a set dollar amount per requested need is compiled. Pell Grant recipients receive a higher award amount for Housing and Food expenses. The offered funds are then disbursed into the Foothill College Student account for a 100% refund to students. Awards are paid at 100% with 12+ units or 50% with 6-11.5 units.

7. An email is sent to each individual student after the weekly refund. See below for current text.

## Email Text Sent to Students Who Apply

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for submitting an Emergency Relief Fund form in this Academic Year or in the prior. Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) are provided as emergency financial aid grants to assist students with expenses related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and are intended to soften the impact on your educational experience. We are happy to say we were able to award you some funds over the last few weeks and plan to award more in the fall through spring terms for those who are enrolled. Your award can be used on any expense that is related to your class, technology, or living needs and you do not need to report back to the college on how you spend the funds. The Department of Education and the IRS indicated that these funds are NOT going to be taxed, much like the original CARES Act funding.

These funds are typically refunded on Tuesdays from your student account to BankMobile, who then directs the funds to you, depending on your refund preference selection. Therefore, it is important that you check your address through your student portal to make sure it is current (MyPortal > My Profile > Change Addresses or Phones) and use REFUNDSELECTION.COM to pick your refund method. If you need to make any updates to your address, follow the steps listed below:

Log in to your student portal.

Click on "My Profile" on the left-hand side of the screen.

Click on "Change Addresses or Phones".

Click on "Update Addresses and Phones" towards the bottom of the screen.

Click on "Current" for each address type you need to update.

Make the necessary changes and then click "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

We sincerely hope that you will stay in college and continue to thrive. Foothill College will continue to provide support resources you need to be fully successful. The learning environment has shifted dramatically over the last 18 months and, while this has brought many challenges, Foothill College will continue to support you in this effort. In summary, please reach out to us for any help and we will do our best to provide everything you need to be successful.

This was the third round of Federal Stimulus funding (HEERF III), and the first payments for the 2021-22 academic year. As we prepare for the remainder of 2021-22 we will let you know if additional steps are needed to access this assistance.

Sincerely,

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