

Federal Emergency Grants for Quarter 1, 2021

The University of Oregon (UO) signed and returned a Certification and Agreement with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). CRRSAA established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. These critical funds help eligible UO students cover expenses related to unanticipated costs and needs related to an emergency situation. While all enrolled students are eligible, fund awarding was prioritized for students with the greatest level of financial need, as indicated by their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Federal Emergency Grant Reporting

As of January 29, 2021, the UO received \$16,095,946 for students to fund Federal HEERF (I-II) Grants. The estimated total number of students potentially eligible to receive HEERF Grants in quarter 1 was 20,732. As of April 8, a net total of \$1,988,839 was disbursed to 2,052 students during the quarter and \$9,242,340 in HEERF has been awarded to 6,335 students since awarding began in May 2020.

Additional information at <https://financialaid.uoregon.edu/cares> and <https://financialaid.uoregon.edu/heerf>

Federal Emergency Grant Criteria and Eligibility

During Quarter 1, the University of Oregon awarded HEERF grants of \$587 to high-need undergraduates who lived on campus who applied for triple rooms but were required to live in a double room due to social distancing requirements to assist with the difference in cost.

The UO also made federal HEERF funds available via an online application for enrolled students seeking assistance with quarantine-related expenses. Award amounts were based on emergency costs incurred due to coronavirus. The maximum award for a quarantine application was \$1400.