Federal Emergency Grants for Quarter 2, 2021

The University of Oregon (UO) signed and returned Certification and Agreements with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP). CRRSAA established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), and the ARP established and funded HEERF III 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 June 6, 2021, the UO received $37,521,605 for students to fund Federal HEERF (I-III) Grants. The estimated total number of students potentially eligible to receive HEERF Grants in quarter 2 was 19,810. As of July 7, a net total of $5,316,372 was disbursed to 6,042 students during the quarter and $14,558,712 in HEERF has been awarded to 9,777 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 2, 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. Additionally, grants of $900 were awarded to enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and law students with exceptional need as indicated on the FAFSA.

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.