Federal Emergency Grants for Quarter 3, 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 3 was 7,006. As of October 5, a net total of $92,109 was disbursed to 122 students during the quarter and $14,650,861 in HEERF has been awarded to 9,831 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 3, the University of Oregon made federal HEERF funds available via online applications for the following groups:

- Enrolled students seeking assistance with quarantine expenses
- Continuing international graduate and law students with exceptional need seeking assistance with expenses related to the pandemic

Award amounts were based on emergency costs incurred due to coronavirus or eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance, such as course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The maximum award for a quarantine application was $1400, and for international students with exceptional need, $1500.