

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds: Student Portion Update

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Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)

- CARES: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (HEERF I)
- CRRSAA: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (HEERF II)
- ARP: American Rescue Plan (HEERF III)

<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/heerf/index.html>

Barton's Student Portion HEERF Allocations

Fund	Date Legislated	Barton's Allocation
HEERF I (CARES)	04/09/2020	\$448,091.00
HEERF II (CRRSAA)	12/27/2020	\$448,091.00
HEERF III (ARP)	03/11/2021	\$2,479,809.00
Total Allocations		\$3,375,991.00

American Rescue Plan Act | Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III

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Month	# Awards by Month	\$ Spent by Month	Total Awards	Total \$ Spent
September 2021	55	121,432.00	55	121,432.00
October 2021	87	111,921.00	142	233,353.00
November 2021	123	108,273.00	265	341,626.00
December 2021	228	211,242.00	493	552,868.00
January 2022	600	534,575.00	1093	1,087,443.00
February 2022	451	392,446.00	1913	1,764,658.00
March 2022	409	267,035.00	2322	2,031,693.00
April 2022	74	54,139.00	2396	2,085,832.00
			Remaining:	\$393,677.00

HEERF III Award Data

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Tier	Enrollment Level by Credit Hours	# of Awards	Amount per Award	Total \$ Spent
1	Full-Time (12+)	1,327	\$1,000.00	\$1,327,000.00
2	Three-Quarter Time (9-11)	269	\$750.00	\$201,750.00
3	Half-Time (6-8)	325	\$500.00	\$162,500.00
4	<Half-Time (1-5)	299	\$250.00	\$74,750.00
Total Block Grants Paid		2,220		\$1,766,000.00
Total Past Due Balances Paid		176	Past Due Balances Covered:	\$319,832.00
Grand Total Paid as of 30-Apr-2022		2,396		\$2,085,832.00

<https://www.bartonccc.edu/community/boardoftrustees/transparency/heerf>



HEERF III Payment Breakdowns

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Delivery Option	% of Recipients	Total \$
Direct Payment	48%	993,500.00
Applied to Balance	52%	1,091,332.00

The total past due balances paid through the appeal process plus the funds applied to account balances was significant:

$$\$771,500 + \$319,832 = \$1,091,332$$

HEERF III Timeline Strategy

Month	Funds	Focus
August 2021	HEERF I HEERF II	Spent the remaining HEERF I and HEERF II funds on students appealing for exceptional need due to the pandemic.
September 2021	HEERF III	Public announcements promoting these funds. Included information in messages sent out by Financial Aid Office and Business Office. Processed appeals for past due balances in coordination with students enrolling for fall 2022.
October 2021	HEERF III	Processed appeals for past due balances. Began processing block grants.
November 2021	HEERF III	Shifted focus to processing block grants. Continued processing appeals for past due balances.
December 2021	HEERF III	First week in December bulk of block grant payments made right before fall 2021 balances due on December 14.
January 2022	HEERF III	First and second weeks in January, another large expenditures of these funds coinciding with students with remaining fall bills. Mini surge in distributions as students returned to campus.
February 2022	HEERF III	Increased focus on past due appeals. Reached out to applicants with missing information. Mass email to federal need-based aid recipients. Included information in BO message to high school students. Barton Online provided information each new session.
March 2022	HEERF III	Encountered suspicious applications; ED announced automatic extension to 06/30/2023.
April 2022	HEERF III	Slowed down to address suspicious applications.
May, 2022	HEERF III	Continue to award valid students for fall and spring.

HEERF III Observations and Insights: What we Learned!

- Very time-consuming: processing, communicating, awarding/disbursing/delivering funds, reconciling, reporting, auditable
- Application versus no Application: Pros & Cons for both.
- Valuable source of funding to assist students at critical times.
- Heightened inter-departmental coordination effort increased efficiency of processing service to students.

Students were generally grateful and expressed their gratitude!

- Thanks so much!
- Great, thank you so much!
- Thank you so much ! 😊
- Thank you so much.
- Thank you!!!!!!! Thank YOU!!!!!!! OMG!!!
- Thank you!**
- Thank you so much! I greatly appreciate it!!!
- Thank you so much! This means the world to me!
- This is amazing news! Thank you so much!
- Good afternoon and thank you so much!
- Thank you so much!!!

HEERF III: Finishing up!

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- Remaining Allocation: \$393,677.00
- Deadline to Spend: 30-Jun-2023

Questions?

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