

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

In the spring of 2021, the College was awarded funding under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) which was authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden in March 2021. The provisions of the award require the College to post the following update:

- In June 2021, the College was notified of its award grant totaling \$2,160,076 from the Department of Education. As required under the award, the College intends to use no less than 50 percent of funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- With regard to the student portion of the award, the College is finalizing a method for distributing this new grant allocation to students consistent with the approach used under the previous Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants and applying updated guidance from the Department of Education. Specifically, students who were enrolled at the College during the Fall 2020 / Spring 2021 academic year are eligible for an emergency grant. The amount of each student's grant may vary based on student financial need and whether or not a student was enrolled in one or both semesters.
- The institutional portion of the award will be used to reimburse the College for lost revenue due to a disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus.
- On June 22, 2021, the College drew down the institutional portion of the award.