

HEERF III Report

October 8th, 2021

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Act (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021.

South Puget Sound Community College acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and gives the assurance that SPSCC intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under ARP to provide HEER III Emergency Relief Funds to Students.

1. The total amount of funds SPSCC received from the Department for distribution to Students is **\$5,188,777**.
2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under HEERF III as of September 30, 2021 is **\$2,468,752**.
3. The estimated total number of students at SPSCC eligible to received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF III as of September 30, 2021 is **4600**.
4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under HEERF III as of September 30, 2021 is **1277**.
5. The methods used to determine which student receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:

All students receiving grants must meet these criteria:

- Students must be enrolled during eligible quarters.
- Maximum total award per student cannot exceed maximum Pell amount.
- Submit COVID Emergency Student Needs Request application which includes statement of the students COVID impact.

Additional criteria used for the grant—

Applications submitted July 1, 2021 to Present:

- Students were awarded a \$1750 Emergency Financial Aid Grant for needs including food, books, tuition, housing, and other.

- Students were awarded an additional \$500 Emergency Financial Aid Grant to use towards technology if they had not previously received a technology award for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Students were able to submit an application once during the term.

Instructions, directions and guidance are provided to grant applicants via email and text each quarter, in addition to being published on the South Puget Sound Community College website. In addition, outreach targeted to Pell Eligible students who have not applied is done at mid-quarter.