

April 20, 2022

Federal Emergency Grants Quarter 1

Quarter 1: Jan 1, 2022 to Mar 31, 2022

Final Report

South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) signed & returned a Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education to accept the allocated funds from the [American Rescue Act \(ARP\), Public Law 117-2](#), signed into law on March 11, 2021. The ARP established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) to provide emergency financial aid grants. These critical funds help eligible SPSCC students cover expenses related to an emergency situation.

Federal Emergency Aid Grant Reporting

1. As of March 31st, 2022, the total amount of funds SPSCC received from the Department for distribution to Students is **\$8,133,777**. In addition to this amount SPSCC transferred an additional **\$1,062,895** from the Institutional Aid to award to students as Emergency Aid Grants. This allowed for a total amount in distribution to Students in the amount of **\$9,196,672** as Emergency Aid.
2. As of March 31, 2022, SPSCC has disbursed in full the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under HEERF III. This amount is **\$9,196,672**. Grants issued during 2022 Quarter 1 totaled: **\$323,327**
3. The estimated total number of students at SPSCC eligible to received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF III during Quarter 1 was **4625**.
4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under HEERF III during Quarter 1 was **1575**.
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—

- 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 least once a quarter.