

## HEERF III -Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (ARP) Act

In January 2021, as part of the federal government's American Rescue Plan (ARP), the College received HEERF III supplemental funds designed to assist students in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2021, was signed into law and awarded SJCON \$354,179.

### **Application Deadline: September 15, 2021**

\*An application does not guarantee funding will be awarded. **Who is eligible to receive ARP funding?**

- Application submission attesting to incurring unexpected expenses due to COVID-19
- Matriculated as December 27, 2020
- A valid 2021-22 FAFSA to prioritize need

### **Who is considered ineligible for funding?**

- Not applicable

### **What expenses can be covered with ARP funding?**

Grants awarded are intended to reduce financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic, but in some instances will not fully resolve or remove the financial burden. Examples of COVID-19 related expenses eligible for grant consideration include, but are not limited to:

- Any component of a student's Cost of Attendance
- Tuition
- Food
- Housing
- Healthcare (including mental health)
- Childcare
- The allowable costs do not have to be related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus.

### **Can I use my ARP payment towards a current/past due balance?**

Yes. Per federal guidance, emergency cash grants to students can be applied towards outstanding balances.

**How were awards determined?** Based on the student allocation of \$354,179, five (5) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student's 2021-22 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and prioritizing those students by greatest financial need.

| <b>Tier</b> | <b>EFC</b>             | <b>Blocks</b> |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1           | \$0 - \$5,846          | \$ 1,500      |
| 2           | \$5,847 - \$10,000     | \$ 1,250      |
| 3           | \$10,001 - \$20,000    | \$750         |
| 4           | \$20,001 - \$30,000    | \$500         |
| 5           | \$30,001 + or No FAFSA | \$400         |

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**The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under ARP as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).**

- SJCON has drawn down \$220,500 as of September 28, 2021. Funds have been distributed accordingly as either paper checks directly to students or 'Opt-In' to pay a remaining balance as of October 5, 2021.

**How many students have been awarded ARP?**

- 194 students have been approved for funds and awarded as of October 2021.
- 181 eligible students requested mailed paper check (4 originally requested 'Opt-In' but don't have a current balance
- 17 eligible students requested "Opt-In" feature to pay current balance
- A total of \$1,100 was disbursed in October 18, 2021 after a recalculation of a student's eligibility was performed and corrected.
- The remaining amount available to use in G5 for Student Portion Award#: P425E205101, ending December 31, 2021, is \$132,579. The College is currently reviewing guidelines and eligibility for spring 2022.