

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

Fall 2021:

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.

Tier	EFC	Blocks
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.
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Spring 2022:

How were awards determined? Based on the remaining student allocation of \$132,579, five (5) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student's 2021-22 or 2022-23 (whichever is most recent on file) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and prioritizing those students by greatest financial need. An additional \$31,821 of institutional funds were borrowed to satisfy the applicant pool and block grants.

Tier	EFC	Blocks
1	\$0 - \$5,846	\$ 1,200
2	\$5,847 - \$10,000	\$ 1,000
3	\$10,001 - \$20,000	\$600
4	\$20,001 - \$30,000	\$400
5	\$30,001 + or No FAFSA	\$200

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 a total of \$164,400 as of March 4, 2022. Funds have been distributed accordingly as either paper checks directly to students or 'Opt-In' to pay a remaining balance as of March 16, 2022.

How many students have been awarded ARP?

- 183 students have been approved for funds and awarded as of March 2022.
- 161 eligible students requested mailed paper check (4 originally requested 'Opt-In' but don't have a current balance
- 22 eligible students requested "Opt-In" feature to pay current balance

As of March 5, 2022, the Student Portion Award#: P425E205101 has been exhausted.