

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) was signed into law. ARP authorizes \$170.3 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided through the CARES Act and the \$81.9 billion provided through CRRSAA. On May 13, 2021, Ozarks Technical Community College received an additional \$15,437,633 in student aid funding to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students and an additional \$14,473,049 for institutional support. The college has also received \$2,373,585 in federal stimulus funding through the Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Program.

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The total amount of HEERF III funding that the institution will receive from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$15,437,633.

For the calendar quarter ending March 31, 2022, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students utilizing HEERF III funding is \$7,583,465.

The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in spring 2022 Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is 7,415. This represents the total number of unique students receiving grants. In some instances, multiple disbursements were issued.

Utilizing HEERF III funds, Ozarks Technical Community College provided emergency grants of \$1,065 each to 4,105 Title IV eligible Pell students and \$1,000 each to 3,308 eligible non-Pell students, enrolled in the spring 2022 term, to be used as needed by the student. Student eligibility was vetted through the college's Financial Aid office. (Students with a FAFSA on file indicating an EFC of 0-5846, were identified and prioritized as students with exceptional need.)

On March 8, 2022, the eligible students received an email regarding the March 11th distribution.

Additional grants for critical emergency need as a result of the coronavirus disruption, continue to be awarded through an application process to students who meet eligibility requirements.

During this calendar quarter, a total of 113 students have received \$56,500. Awards are made on a first come, first served basis as funding is available.

Allowable emergency needs include:

- Food Insecurity
- Housing
- Tuition/Course Supplies/Technology
- Childcare
- Medical Expenses
- Reduced employment/Unemployed