

**Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act
(CRRSAA)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)
Report as of 3/31/2022
FINAL REPORT**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II), found in Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act, provides funding for higher education institutions to help students with expenses and financial needs related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Central Christian College of the Bible signed and returned to the Department of Education (DOE) the Certification and Agreement required to receive a portion of those funds. The DOE awarded Central \$121,144 under this Act. All of these funds will be used in accordance with the agreement to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The \$121,144 was made available to the college on January 19, 2021, and the first distribution to students was made on March 29, 2021. Central had 158 students enrolled during the Spring 2021 semester that were eligible to receive funds. All 158 of those students received some aid to date. **The final \$16,144 of this grant was awarded to our students on 1/28/2022. As of 3/31/2022, \$121,144 had been distributed to 158 students using the criteria below.**

Distribution Methodology

1. To be eligible to receive funds, students must either be currently enrolled or have been enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Student's with exceptional need or those that are undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances will be prioritized.

2. Students will complete an application to request the funds. The application will be used to assess their need based upon the following criteria:
 - Pell Grant qualification
 - Other Federal or State aid qualification
 - Job loss or significant reduction of income for student, spouse (if independent), or parent (if dependent)
 - Housing or food insecurity
 - Other extenuating circumstances causing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Any other need that a student may have that fits within the prescribed guidelines

3. Monies will be awarded as follows:

- There will be a base Cost of Living Increase amount of \$1,500 given to all applicants in round 1. In round 2, any applicant that did not receive this in the Round 1 disbursement will receive it.
- If a student applicant qualified for Pell or other State or Federal Aid at Central at any point from the SP-20 semester forward, they will receive an additional \$200 in round 1. In round 2, any applicant that did not receive this in the Round 1 disbursement will receive it.
- Student applicants that could not apply for earlier HEERF Fund Grant money rounds, but had additional expenses from March 13, 2020 forward as a result of COVID, will receive an additional \$1,100 in round 1. In round 2, any applicant that did not receive this in the Round 1 disbursement will receive it. See V E1 and VI A1
- If a student applicant had additional exceptional unexpected expenses or needs, especially concerning loss of job, medical expenses, or food/housing insecurity, those needs will be evaluated on an individual basis by the VP of Business and Finance and amounts awarded accordingly.

Central sent a link to the application to the students and notified them about the available funds. The information included what the money could be used for, and how the distribution amounts were being assessed. That notification was sent by email on Tuesday, January 11, 2021. The following is the wording from the actual notification:

Central is pleased to partner with the Department of Education in providing Emergency Relief funds to its students. If you are currently enrolled, or were enrolled in any term since the beginning of the Pandemic (Spring 20 forward), you may qualify for assistance. Please complete the form below if you are interested.

The American Rescue Act of 2021, combined with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and the Coronavirus Response, Relief and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), appropriated monies for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I, II, & III). A portion of that money was designated for students in need.

Please Note: All distributed funds must be used by students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under the student's cost of attendance. This includes things like food, housing transportation, course materials, technology, healthcare (including mental health), and childcare. In addition, students who would like the funds to be used to take care of campus based educational or living costs can give permission to the college to apply the funds to their account.