

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

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) was authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Central Christian College of the Bible signed and agreed to the Certification and Agreement provided by the Department of Education (DOE) with the assurance that the institution would use the funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. All of these funds will be used in accordance with the agreement to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The \$373,376 was made available to the college on May 18, 2021, and the first distribution to students was made on December 3, 2021. A second disbursement was made on January 28, 2022. Central had 176 students enrolled during the Fall 2021 semester, and 185 enrolled during the Spring 2022 semester. There have been 328 enrolled since the beginning of the pandemic. 54 of those students applied for assistance in the first round of applications. The second round included disbursements for an additional 57 students, as well as some additional disbursements for prior recipients. All of the students that applied received assistance. **As of 3/31/2022, \$373,376 has been distributed to 111 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.