

UAHT American Rescue Plan Reporting (HEERF III)

September 30, 2021 Report

The American Rescue Plan is a federal law that was passed in March 2021. The law provides financial relief to higher education institutions to address the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19). UAHT's goal in using the funds is to help students meet their critical needs due to COVID-19 as they pursue their education at UAHT.

1) An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

- The University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana acknowledges that it has signed and submitted the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education and assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

- UAHT expects to receive \$2,229,286 to distribute to students via the American Rescue Plan to use toward emergency financial aid for students.
- UAHT expects to receive \$578,168 to distribute to students via the CRRSAA to use toward emergency financial aid for students.

3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

- As of September 30, 2021, UAHT has distributed \$134,300 in emergency aid via ARP funding.
 - \$134,300 in Quarter 1 FY2022 (July – September 2021)
- As of September 30, 2021, UAHT has distributed \$553,700 in emergency aid via CRRSAA funding.
 - \$553,700 in Quarter 4 FY2021 (April – June 2021)

4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

- In the Summer 2021 term, there were 388 students eligible for emergency grants under the American Rescue Plan.
- In the Spring 2020 term, there were 718 students eligible for emergency grants through CRRSAA.

5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

- As of September 30, 2021, UAHT has awarded American Rescue Plan funds to 388 students who were enrolled in the Summer 2021 term.
- As of September 30, 2021, UAHT has awarded CRRSAA funds to 718 students.

6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

- All enrolled students in Summer 2021 terms were awarded HEERF III ARP funding. Summer award amounts were \$400 for Pell Grant eligible students and \$300 for non-Pell Grant eligible students. Pell Grant eligibility was used to identify students with exceptional need who received the largest award.

7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The following email was sent to students:

Key point: To receive an ARP student grant, students must be enrolled in the **Fall 2021** semester and be participating in their courses. **Students do not need to take any action to receive an ARP student grant other than to remain enrolled at UAHT.**

The American Recovery Plan (ARP) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) provides emergency funding to universities and colleges to assist students in need during the coronavirus pandemic. In 2020, this funding was known as the CARES Act Funding, and in the Spring 2021 semester the funding was called CRRSAA.

UAHT will be disbursing ARP HEERF III Emergency Relief Fund grants to eligible students to help cover any expenses related to the cost of attendance (i.e., food, housing and utilities, health insurance including mental health care, transportation, or childcare) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

Funds from the ARP HEERF III Emergency Relief Fund are not considered financial aid and do not affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Per the U.S. Department of Education, institutions are required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants. The grants will be processed and mailed via check to the address on file in the student information system. Students can check and update their mailing address in *myUAHT*.

To receive an ARP student grant, students must be enrolled in the **Fall 2021** semester and be participating in their courses. **Students do not need to take any action to receive an ARP student grant other than to remain enrolled at UAHT (we would also like you to pass your courses).**

UAHT will distribute the funding to all eligible students to assist with educational costs and other financial challenges related to COVID-19. Award amounts will be based on financial need and enrollment status (full-time or part-time). We plan to process the grant awards and mail them by October 20.

ARP student grant awards for the fall semester will be provided as follows:

- \$1,100 for full-time Pell eligible students
- \$900 for full-time non-Pell eligible students
- \$750 for part-time Pell eligible students
- \$550 for part-time non-Pell eligible students
- \$200 for concurrent/dual-enrollment students

Checks will be issued to students for the full amount for which they qualify – no tuition or fees will be deducted from ARP student grants. If students wish to have their ARP student grant applied to their student account for any unpaid balance for the Fall 2021 semester, they must endorse their check to the College. Please write on the back of the check “Payable to UAHT” and then sign your name. Bring the check to the business office on the Hope campus, the front desk in TKA on the Texarkana campus, or mail it to P.O. Box 140, Hope, AR 71802-0140.