

UAHT American Rescue Plan Reporting (HEERF III)

March 31, 2022 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 March 31, 2022, UAHT has distributed \$1,915,150 in emergency aid via ARP funding.
 - \$134,300 in Quarter 1 FY2022 (July – September 2021)
 - \$734,650 in Quarter 2 FY2022 (October – December 2021)
 - \$1,046,200 in Quarter 3 FY2022 (January – March 2022)
- As of March 31, 2022, 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 Spring 2022 semester, there were 1,044 students eligible for emergency grants under the American Rescue Plan.
- In the Fall 2021 semester, there were 1,214 students eligible for emergency grants under the American Rescue Plan.

- In the Summer 2021 term, there were 388 students eligible for emergency grants under the American Rescue Plan.
- In the Spring 2021 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 March 31, 2022, UAHT has awarded American Rescue Plan funds to 1,044 students who were enrolled in the Spring 2022 semester, 1,214 students who were enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester, and 388 students who were enrolled in the Summer 2021 term.
- As of March 31, 2022, 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 were awarded HEERF III ARP funding. Award amounts were based on enrollment status (full-time or part-time) and Pell Grant eligibility. Students with exceptional need 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:

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 has disbursed 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 have been processed and were mailed via check to the address on file in the student information system on March 11, 2022.**

Students received an ARP student emergency grant who were enrolled in the Spring 2022 semester as of February 10, 2022. Students did not need to take any action to receive an ARP student grant other than to be enrolled at UAHT.

UAHT distributed the funding to all eligible students to assist with educational costs and other financial challenges related to COVID-19. Award amounts were based on financial need and enrollment status (full-time or part-time). The student emergency grant awards were as follows:

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

- \$2,000 for full-time Pell eligible students
- \$1,500 for full-time non-Pell eligible students
- \$1,300 for part-time Pell eligible students
- \$800 for part-time non-Pell eligible students
- \$300 for concurrent/dual-enrollment students

Checks were issued to students for the full amount for which they qualified – no tuition or fees was 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 Spring 2022 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.