

# VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

## HEERF III

### The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA Act)

The third round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) funds were authorized by congress in the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act which was signed into law on March 11, 2021. VCSU will use 100% of the student portion of the funds received under the ARP Act to provide Emergency Grants to students.

EMERGENCY GRANTS TO STUDENTS			
Total Funds Available	Date Application Submitted	Date Application Approved	Date Funds Drawn Down
\$1,051,168	NA	NA	8/27/2021

Guidance indicated that “institutions are required to prioritize grants to students demonstrating exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants, when awarding relief grants.” This ARP round also allows grant awards to students exclusively enrolled in distance education programs.

VCSU agreed that both our Undergraduate and Graduate program students would be a cohort given consideration. Pell-eligible students were identified as the students with exceptional need. We then had 2 categories of every other enrolled student, those who turned in a FAFSA and those who did not. We determined that 442 students were eligible. Distributions were processed on August 10, 2021. The break-down of the groups is:

Undergraduate	# with FAFSA	Award Amt	# Pell	Award Amt	# without FAFSA	Award Amt	Total
Less-Than-Half-Time	77	300	40	600	47	200	56,500
Half-Time	46	400	38	800	17	300	53,900
Three-Quarter-Time	22	500	19	1000	6	400	32,400
Full-Time	1	600	0	0	0	0	600
Undergraduate Total	146		97		70		143,400
Graduate	# with FAFSA	Award Amt	# Pell	Award Amt	# without FAFSA	Award Amt	Total
Less-Than-Half-Time	11	300	4	600	41	200	13,900
Half-Time	11	400	16	800	38	300	28,600
Three-Quarter-Time	0	500	0	1000	1	400	400
Full-Time	2	600	3	1200	2	500	5,800
Graduate Total	24		23		82		48,700
Grand Total							192,100

Students were sent an email to their VCSU email notifying them of the disbursement. Students who did not have direct deposit established were emailed by the VCSU Business Office to pick up their check or provide a mailing address to have it sent to them.

VCSU’s allocation of HEERF III ARP Act is not expended and we will give more aid in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

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