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	10	200	6	100	30	100	5,600
Half-Time	34	300	19	150	24	150	16,650
Three-Quarter- Time	29	400	16	200	16	200	18,000
Full-Time	641	500	245	250	139	250	416,500
Undergraduate Total	714		286		209		456,750
Graduate	# with FAFSA	Award Amt	# Pell	Award Amt	# without FAFSA	Award Amt	Total
Less-Than-Half- Time	15	200	5	100	50	100	8,500
Half-Time	25	300	11	150	38	150	14,850
Three-Quarter- Time	4	400	2	200	4	200	2,800
Full-Time	5	500	3	250	1	250	3,500
Graduate Total	49		21		93		29,650
Grand Total							486,400

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 Spring 2022.

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