

HEERF Quarterly Report under American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP or HEERF III) Student Portion - Final

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On May 16, 2021, MCW was awarded \$510,396 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP or HEERF III) to help students who are struggling with expenses related certain costs incurred on or after March 13, 2020, when the National Emergency was declared.

As directed, MCW prioritized students with the highest need by issuing block grants to current student loan borrowers who were previously Pell eligible with a Pell LEU as reported on the ISIR. DACA recipients were included in the highest need category regardless of Pell LEU.

Students who were not eligible for the block grant were able to apply for assistance via an application.

At MCW, students must meet the following eligibility criteria for the block grant or application:

- Must have borrowed federal funds from the Unsubsidized and/or Grad PLUS loan programs for the 2021-2022 year prior to September 1 or be a DACA recipient who borrows.
- Must have incurred qualifying expenses due to Coronavirus on or after March 13, 2020. Eligible expenses include PPE, healthcare and/or technology.
- Be enrolled in a degree program eligible for federal (Title IV) financial aid.

Unfortunately, students enrolled in stipend programs and international students are not eligible for funding.

MCW estimated approximately 900 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP using the above criteria.

Students were notified of the availability of funds, block grant eligibility and the application process via emails from the Financial Aid Office. In addition, the information and an FAQ will be posted on the [Financial Aid website](#).

As of September 30, 2021, \$510,396 was disbursed to 295 MCW students. Students were directed to use the funds to offset the costs they incurred as a result of the pandemic for PPE, healthcare and/or technology. Block grant recipients were also encouraged to use their funds to reduce their loan debt by making a payment to their tuition account if desired.