Q4 HEERF III Student

Manchester University acknowledges that we 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 ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

We received \$1,926,574 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) program.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP program

With these funds we had 211 total number of students at the institution that were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP programs.

A total number of 1,631 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under the ARP program.

We used a two-pronged approach to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP program. To determine exemplary need, all eligible undergraduate students were assigned points based on their specific circumstances. We also did an application process for graduate students in need of more emergency funding. Students had the opportunity to explain their expenses as a result of the pandemic and we fulfilled grants based on greatest need.

Instructions and communications provided to students:

Dear Students,

is \$1,761,200.

This is an important email regarding federal pandemic relief aid to students. Because you have the opportunity to receive additional aid, I encourage you to read this email carefully as this communication contains new and updated information.

In the spring, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, ARP for short, authorizing the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), which, among other things, appropriates federal funds to help individual college and university students. Manchester is required to allocate these funds according to federal government guidelines. Eligible MS PGx, MAT, ABSN, and PharmD students have the opportunity to apply for an emergency student grant that fits their specific need. These funds do <u>not</u> need to be repaid.

In previous rounds of funding (HEERF I and HEERF II), monies were not available to international, DACA, or undocumented students per guidelines passed by Congress. This is a significant change for

the current HEERF III funds. A difference from the previous two HEERF awards is that any qualifying student, **regardless of immigration or citizenship status**, is eligible to receive funds.

Students are **no longer required** to be eligible for Title IV or have a FAFSA filed. Applicants must be a current student and have been enrolled in any program at Manchester University on or after March 13, 2020.

Please use this <u>link</u> to be taken to the HEERF III emergency student funding application. Once this form is completed and submitted, we will begin reviewing applications at the close of the application window, **12pm, noon Tuesday October 26th**. This deadline is an update to my previous email correspondence.

Following the review of your application, you will receive an email detailing the amount of grant funds you have been approved to receive. In order to receive your funds in the fastest and most secure manner, please ensure you have an eRefund account set up. If you do not have one set up, please use Chetnet to navigate to your Student Account Center. Select "eRefunds", then choose the option "Set Up Account" to enter your banking information.

If you have additional questions, please email <u>Dr.</u> Jennifer Campbell (<u>jahenriksen@manchester.edu</u>) and Ms. Elena Bohlander (<u>embohlander@manchester.edu</u>).

Thanks,

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Dear (student name),

This is an important email regarding federal pandemic relief aid to students. Because you are receiving additional aid, I encourage you to read this email carefully.

Earlier this year, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, ARP for short, authorizing the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), which, among other things, appropriates federal funds to help individual college and university students.

Manchester is required to allocate these funds according to federal government guidelines. The amount each student receives has been determined by need as identified through the financial aid process. Based on this information, you are eligible to receive \$X.

You do not need to apply for these HEERF III grants and you do not need to repay them.

In order to receive your HEERF III grant as soon as possible, please complete the Federal HEERF III Grant Disbursement Form to elect how you would like to receive these funds. If you have not completed this form by November 10, funds will be automatically distributed through eRefund or by printed check no later than November 30.

We have provided Frequently Asked Questions to help answer additional questions you may have. Please find that <u>HERE</u>. If you still have questions, please contact <u>health@manchester.edu</u>.

Dave

Dave McFadden President