ARP HEERF III EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion has received funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III ("HEERF III") as authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), signed into law on March 11, 2021. Part of the College-Institute's responsibility under the Act was to provide certain information to the public about the grant and how it was used to provide supplemental emergency grants to students.

Overview and Reporting Requirements

On May 18, 2021 Hebrew Union College Jewish institute of Religion received a supplemental ARP Grant - section 2003(7) of the American Rescue Plan authorized by the Secretary of Education (Secretary) in the amount of $131,463.00 for distribution to students prioritized by need.

All students who have completed a FAFSA and or submitted documentation to verify need are eligible for this supplemental grant. We provided grants to all eligible full-time and part-time students.

Allocation and Award Data for ARP HEERF III Grant

- As of September 30, 2021 HUC-JIR has distributed $47,600 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 96 students under section 2003(7) of the ARP Act which includes of $14,605 of CRRSAA funds which were combined with ARP funds.
- HUC-JIR estimates that 316 students are eligible to receive an emergency grants under section 2003(7) of the ARP Act.

Categories/Methods

HUC-JIR has established three categories of students eligible to receive ARP HEERF III Emergency Grants, section 2003(7) of the Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

1. Block grants to all eligible students who apply – Year in Israel Students
2. Block grants to all eligible students who apply – All programs (except Year in Israel)
3. Additional hardship grants to students with extreme hardship

Block Grants – Year in Israel

1. Eligible students receive a fixed emergency grants awarded in three categories: $900, $650 and $400 based on EFC of the current FAFSA received from the student or determined by submitted financial documentation to verify need are eligible for this supplemental grant. We have higher grants to these students in this program because they had additional Covid testing and expenses while going through the quarantine process in Israel when they arrived in the summer. We based the awards on EFC ranges:
    - EFC 0-500 $900
    - EFC 500-5000 $650
    - EFC 5000+ $400
2. Students submitted an ARP Relief Fund for Students Certification Form any component of the students' cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.
3. Eligibility criteria:
    - All Title IV eligible students with a completed a 2021-22 FAFSA and or submitted financial documents to verify income and need level.
    - Students enrolled in the Year in Israel program

Block Grants – All Programs and Campuses

1. Eligible students receive a fixed emergency grants awarded in three categories: $700, $450 and $200 based on EFC of the current FAFSA received from the student. We based the awards on EFC ranges:
    - EFC 0-500 $700
    - EFC 500-5000 $450
    - EFC 5000+ $200
2. Students submitted an ARP Relief Fund for Students Certification Form any component of the students' cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.
3. Eligibility criteria:
    - All Title IV eligible students with a completed a 2021-22 FAFSA and or submitted financial documents to verify income and need level.
    - Students enrolled at the College-Institute full time or part time at the time of the disbursement

4. HUC-JIR provided the following instructions, directions, or guidance to students concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants:
    - An email announcement to all enrolled, full-time, part-time and 100% distance learning students offering students a HEERF III Emergency Grant to all who submit a Emergency Financial Aid Grant Certification form and have a completed 2021-22 FAFSA on file or have submitted financial documents that can verify income and need level.
    - An ARP Act Relief Fund for Students Certification Form for students to fill out, sign and return to the HUC-JIR Financial Aid Office.

Extraordinary Need Hardship Additional Awards

- Students with exceptional need and hardship are encouraged to apply for additional ARP grants by filling out a Coronavirus Hardship Appeal Form to be considered for more funding. This opportunity was announced in the original CRRSAA announcement to students and the Financial Aid Office also encouraged students to apply for an additional grant for up to $5,000 when appropriate to students who expressed extreme hardship. These additional grants are counted in the total amount of grants and distribution amount mentioned above in both categories.