Seattle University

Award Report: January 10, 2022
American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)—Student Portion

PR/Award Number: P425E200172
Funding Received: May 19, 2021

1. Seattle University signed and returned to the Department of Education Seattle University’s Funding Certification and Agreement for the student portion of the university’s CARES Act HEERF funds on April 10, 2020. The university used no less than 50 percent of its funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The university published its first (and final) CARES Act HEERF funds student portion report on May 20, 2020.

2. Seattle University received an additional $1,846,460 under CRRSAA on January 18, 2021, pursuant to its Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. Seattle University received an additional $5,128,029 under ARP on May 19, 2021, pursuant to its Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. Seattle University distributed $1,846,460 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA (its total amount received under CRRSAA) by June 30, 2021. Seattle University distributed $1,682,500 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP during the period of October 1, through December 31, 2021. In total, Seattle University has distributed $3,529,460 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants under CRRSAA and ARP.
4. Seattle University estimates that, at the time the university distributed its Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA, approximately 6800 of its students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Seattle University estimates that, during the period of October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, 7,270 of its students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

5. Seattle University distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 1,995 students under CRRSAA. Seattle has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 1,931 students under ARP.

6. Seattle University established a committee to oversee the distribution of CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The same committee oversaw distribution of CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants and ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The committee examined student financial data to establish a formula for funding grants. For the period of October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the committee authorized (and the university distributed): 1 grant of $250; 689 grants of $500; 329 grants of $750; 683 grants of $1,000; 100 grants of $1,500; 129 grants of $2,000 based on the student’s financial circumstances, including the students’ expected family contribution and outstanding balance with the university.

7. Seattle University provided direction and guidance to students regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants in the students’ award notification communications (noting that the grant could be used “for any component of your cost of attendance at Seattle University or for emergency costs arising due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.’”).