

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)

The **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)** is authorized by the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)**, signed into law on March 11, 2021. This fund allows SUNY Cortland to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

SUNY Cortland received Student Aid funding under section 2003(7) of the ARP. This program, with some changes, provides supplemental funds to the CARES Act section 18004(a)(1) program. SUNY Cortland signed and returned to the Education Department a Certification and Agreement as required under the CARES Act section 18004(a)(1) program. We acknowledge that by drawing down the ARP Student Aid Funds, our institution agrees to be bound by the conditions set forth in the ARP Student Aid Supplemental Agreement including using 100 percent of these Student Aid Funds to provide emergency aid grants to students.

SUNY Cortland has received or will receive **\$8,497,231 of HEERF III funds for student aid** from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

SUNY Cortland has distributed **\$0 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students** under section 2003 of the ARP as of **June 30, 2021**.

Reporting:

1st quarter: 0 students received HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section 2003 of the ARP as of **March 31, 2021**

2nd quarter: 0 students received HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section 2003 of the ARP as of **June 30, 2021**

Award Methodology:

The State University of New York (SUNY) is currently drafting SUNY-Wide guidelines and a distribution plan for the American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) Student Aid Funds which will provide vital emergency grants to SUNY undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional need and/or extraordinary financial circumstances. Once the guidance and distribution plan are formally approved and communicated to the SUNY campuses, our required HEERF reporting disclosures will be updated.