



**TO:** Chief Executive Officers  
Chief Instructional Officer  
Chief Business Officer

**FROM:** Lizette Navarette, Vice Chancellor,  
College Finance and Facilities Planning

**RE:** Federal Stimulus – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Data Collection Survey

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In an effort to inform statewide supports, advocacy, and address numerous questions from the Administration and Legislature, the Chancellor's Office is compiling data related to HEERF expenditures through September 30, 2021. Timely and complete district responses to the questions below will assist the Chancellor's Office in championing the [2022-23 System Budget Proposal, Students First – Leading California's Equitable Recovery](#).

#### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**Please complete and return the linked [survey](#) by October 25.** The survey questions should be completed by the district using total actual HEERF I, II, and III expenditures. Data will be collected as follows:

1. Total amount, through September 30, 2021, of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under HEERF I, II, and III (student portion).
2. Total amount, through September 30, 2021, of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under HEERF I, II, and III (institutional portion).
3. Total number of students, through September 30, 2021, who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant identified in Question 1 and 2 above.
4. Provide the average grant amounts provided to students identified in question 3 above.
5. Total amount of HEERF, through September 30, 2021, used to discharge resident student debt or unpaid balances.
6. Total amount of HEERF, through September 30, 2021, used to discharge nonresident student debt or unpaid balances.
7. Total amount of HEERF, through September 30, 2021, used to recover lost revenue.
8. Total amount of HEERF, through September 30, 2021, used for physical plant modifications, including HVAC replacement.
9. Total HEERF remaining balance:
  - a. Institutional:
  - b. Student Emergency Grants:

10. Describe how your college has used the HEERF to address enrollment declines and to support student retention.

## **BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Education has allocated the following funds approved by Congress:

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund I (HEERF I) is authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or, CARES Act, passed by Congress on March 27th, 2020. This bill allotted approximately \$14 billion to the Office of Postsecondary Education.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **CONTACTS**

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