

# Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report

## Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF” I) established in accordance with Section 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act, the CRRSSA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act), The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF” II), and the ARP Act (American Rescue Plan) The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF” III) all provide funds to institutions of higher education to offer emergency financial aid grants to students or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare).

Berkeley College of New Jersey, OPE ID: 00750200 (“Berkeley-NJ”), and Berkeley College of New York, OPE ID: 00739400 (“Berkeley-NY”), are providing this information to the public in accordance with the [Electronic Announcement of May 6, 2020](#) by the U.S. Department of Education (“Department”). For questions or concerns regarding this Report, please contact [StudentFinance@BerkeleyCollege.edu](mailto:StudentFinance@BerkeleyCollege.edu).

1. Berkeley-NJ and Berkeley-NY each (a) signed and returned to the Department a Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act (“USDOE Agreement”) and (b) has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
2. Berkeley-NJ and Berkeley-NY each (a) signed and returned to the Department a Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERFII) (“USDOE Agreement”) and (b) has used, or intends to use, 100 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(3) of the CRRSAA to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
3. Berkeley-NJ and Berkeley-NY each (a) signed and returned to the Department a Supplemental Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under ARF (PL117-2): Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) (“USDOE Agreement”) and (b) intends to use, 100 percent of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
4. The total amount of funds that Berkeley-NJ will receive, from HEERF I, II, and III or has received from the Department pursuant to its USDOE Agreement is \$6,392,732. The total amount of funds that Berkeley-NY will receive, from HEERF I, II, and III or has received from the Department pursuant to its USDOE Agreement is \$6,724,209.
5. The total cumulative amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed by Berkeley-NJ to students from HEERF I, II, and III as of the date of this Report is \$6,155,893.65. The total quarterly (October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021) amount for Berkeley-NJ was \$0. The total cumulative amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed by Berkeley-NY to students, from HEERF I, II and III, as of the date of this Report is \$5,945,178.06. The total quarterly (October 1, 2021- December 31, 2021) amount for Berkeley-NY was \$0. The cumulative values, for both states, went down since the last report due to our returning funds students did not claim.
6. The estimated total number of students at Berkeley-NJ eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under HEERF I, II, and III, as of March 31, 2022, is 9,478. The estimated total number of students at Berkeley-NY eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under HEERF I, II, and III, as of

March 31, 2022 is 7,945. Note that the number of eligible students indicated above was increased from prior reports by including students enrolled in the Winter 2022 term. They were not awarded until after March 31, 2022.

7. The total cumulative number of Berkeley-NJ students who have received an emergency financial aid grant from HEERF I, II, and III, as of the date of this Report is 4,882. The total quarterly (January 1, 2022- March 31, 2022) amount for Berkeley-NJ was 0. The total cumulative number of Berkeley-NY students who have received an emergency financial aid grant, from HEERF I, II, and III, as of the date of this Report is 4,395. The total quarterly (January 1, 2022- March 31, 2022) amount for Berkeley-NY was 0. The cumulative number of students, for both states, went down since the last report due to our returning funds students did not claim.
8. The methods used by Berkeley-NJ and Berkeley-NY to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under HEERF I, II and III) are:

As new guidance was provided by the Department, we made changes to policy, all of which is documented on our website (see below). Students potentially eligible for an emergency financial aid grant were identified and sent a link to an electronic application. The application requires students to certify that they incurred expenses equal to or greater than the amount of emergency financial aid grant requested and that such expenses were related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care). For HEERF I, a maximum grant amount of \$1,245 per student was established based in part on the maximum amount of Personal Expenses of the Cost of Attendance for the Winter 2020 term. The application deadline was June 26, 2020. A second application phase commenced shortly thereafter to include students enrolled in the Spring 2020 term based on the June 30, 2020 guidance from the Department that was updated on August 6, 2020. A maximum grant amount of \$800 per student was established for the second phase based on the amount of funds remaining. The application deadline for the second phase of HEERF I was August 14, 2020.

For HEERF II we followed a similar philosophy as HEERF I, however, this time we prioritized zero Estimated Family Contributions (EFC) students. Our last priority, as per guidance, was undocumented students.

For HEERF III we further prioritized zero EFC students and we had different maximum awards for NY and NJ. This was due to the funding levels we had to spend. Students with EFCs equal to zero received up to \$850 (NJ students) and \$1,100 (NY students). Students with EFCs greater than zero received up to \$650 (NJ students) and \$900 (NY students). Students without FAFSAs (thus no EFC) were assumed to be either an International or Undocumented student and received up to \$450 (NJ students) and \$700 (NY students).

9. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Berkeley-NJ and Berkeley-NY to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are as follows:

A pdf version of the [electronic application for emergency financial aid grants](#) is available. In addition, [Frequently Asked Questions \("FAQ"\)](#) have been developed. The FAQ can also be found on the institutional website and is also available to any student who contacts Berkeley-NJ or Berkeley-NY for more information.