

Emergency Relief Fund FAQ (CRRSAA) July 19

What is the CRRSAA/HEERF II?

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. Like HEERF I Berkeley received funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for coronavirus-related expenses (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care).

How much did HEERF II funding did Berkeley College receive?

Berkeley College has been allocated \$2,835,875.00 in New York and \$2,662,317.00 in New Jersey to provide emergency financial aid grants.

Who is eligible for a HEERF II emergency grant?

As a result of Guidance received from the Department of Education on May 11, 2021, students no longer need to be a US citizen or an eligible non-citizen to receive HEERF. As such we have suspended the requirement of having ISIRs on file. Further, as we have remaining funds, we are opening it up to new to the college students for the Spring 2021 Semester.

Do I have to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive an emergency grant?

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Am I eligible for an emergency grant even if I owe the College money?

Yes. If you meet all the other eligibility criteria and certify that you have eligible expenses, you may receive an emergency grant even if you have current open balances with the college. In fact, HEERF II allows the student to apply the award directly to an open balance. You will have the opportunity on the HEERF II Application to choose whether to apply the award towards an open balance and/or to receive it as a

refund. This authorization is not required and will not modify your application opportunity.

Do I need to apply for an emergency grant?

The U.S. Department of Education issued guidance permitting colleges to award funds to international, DACA, and undocumented students. However, this guidance also requires institutions to continue giving priority to citizens or eligible non-citizens. Additionally, colleges must ensure that the funds are directed to students who have exceptional need. At this time, the College has a very limited allocation of HEERF II remaining. The College has sent a communication to students who it has reasonably determined may now be eligible to receive this award. This email will contain information on how to apply. An application is required.

How much emergency grant money will I receive?

Each student will certify and apply for the amount of their eligible expenses; however, the maximum amount per student is \$500.00.

How will I receive my emergency grant?

Emergency grants will be received via BankMobile or will be applied directly to a student's balance, depending on the student's preference on the application. If you have any questions about BankMobile, please contact SAOnline@BerkeleyCollege.edu.

When will I receive my emergency grant?

Application approvals are made on a rolling basis, as they are received.

What if I need more money than the emergency grant I receive?

We understand that students have significant needs during this time. The HEERF II emergency financial aid grants are meant to help meet your financial needs, but we know the grants may not be enough money for some students. If you are having substantial financial difficulties, please reach out to Financial Aid at studentfinance@BerkeleyCollege.edu. If you have further need that can be documented, we may be able to impact your Federal Aid using "Professional Judgement". Note: If you are already receiving full Pell and Loans we will not be able to assist you with Federal Aid.