

## HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

### QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2021 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

The Certification and Agreements for the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) funds provide that each institution applying for HEERF funds must promptly and timely provide a detailed accounting of the use of expenditures of the funds in such manner and which such frequency as the Secretary may require. Each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website, as an initial report under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. This report is associated with the approved information collection under OMB control number 1801-0005.

- 1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.**

Boston University submitted the signed Certification and Agreement to receive the Higher Education Emergency Relief and plans to use more than the required amount of the funds received under the CRRSAA and ARP to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Boston University has received \$7,497,658 under CARES, \$7,497,658 under CRRSAA and \$20,946,537 under ARP in the student portion.

- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission.**

\$20,837,700 in HEERF funds were disbursed to students in this quarter.

- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

15,000

- 5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

5,808 students received CARES HEERF

9,247 students received CRRSAA HEERF

9,851 students received ARP HEERF

- 6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Under CRRSAA: Boston University defined students with a FAFSA EFC  $\leq$  15,000 as having exceptional need and limited the funds to enrolled students as of the date of identification. The amount of the awards was tiered based on the lowest EFC to the highest in order to prioritize students with the most need. All of these students were impacted by COVID-19 and had additional expenses related to technology and expenses related to remote work required to attend courses in a hybrid classroom model.

Under ARP: Boston University defined students with a FAFSA EFC  $\leq$  15,000 as having exceptional need and limited the funds to enrolled students as of the date of identification. The amount of the awards was tiered based on the lowest EFC to the highest in order to prioritize students with the most need. In addition, a special application was made available for students to apply for the funds if they experienced a financial burden related to COVID-19. These students received a smaller amount since they either hadn't completed the FAFSA or had a higher EFC.

- 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

Information about the distribution of CRRSAA HEERF grants was published in BU Today, <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2021/university-will-distribute-11-5-million-in->

[pandemic-aid-to-students-in-need/](#) and an email was sent to student notifying them of their eligibility and how to accept the funds electronically.

The same process was used for ARP <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2021/bu-distributing-federal-american-rescue-plan-money-to-students/> .