

HEERF Information

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), signed into law on December 27, 2020. HEERF financial aid grants to students can be used for any component of a student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

CARES HEERF Reporting Update – October 7, 2021

1. Orion Institute signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement on July 13, 2020. College intends to use 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.
2. The College received \$62,194.00 on July 14, 2020 for HEERF I and \$37,953 on September 15, 2021 from HEERF III from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. As of October 7, 2021; 95 students are the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to and received by students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
4. 158 students are the estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
5. The College made every effort to contact all students regarding available funding and added a website devoted to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants at <https://orion.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Orion-Website-CARES-ACT-FINAL-copy-to-be-posted-by-July-24-2020.pdf> Students applied via an application found through the student finance office or sent via email and eligible students are awarded based on their Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated on their 2019-2020 FAFSA.
6. Based on the number of applicants and eligible students, awardees received \$500 per undergraduate student.

Updated Distribution

	Awarded	Grants
Undergraduate	95	\$47,500
Graduate	0	\$0
Total	95	\$47,500