

On March 11, 2021, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), was signed into law. ARP/HEERF III provides \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each HEERF participating institution is required to make public the following information:

Glen Oaks Community College has signed and returned the HEERF Certification and Agreement forms to the Department of Education. The College intends to use the student portion of HEER funds to make emergency financial aid grants available to students.

GOCC received \$288,341 for the student portion of CARES/HEERF I and an additional \$288,341 from CRRSAA/HEERF II. Through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), GOCC received an allocation of \$1,083,500 for a total of \$1,660,182 to be used for student emergency grant aid since March 2020.

The total amount of awarded grant funds for this quarterly reporting period was \$468,691.23.

During this quarterly reporting period, 1196 students were eligible to receive emergency grants.

During this quarterly reporting period, 530 post-secondary students received HEERF dollars in the form of emergency grant checks and textbook assistance. Of the 530 students who were awarded grants, 357 students received additional funds for textbook assistance. Two hundred and eighty (280) of these students received textbook vouchers, 66 students received reimbursements for textbook costs, and 11 students received a combination of a voucher and reimbursement for required supplies and textbooks already purchased.

HEERF regulations require colleges to prioritize emergency grant funding to students with extreme financial need. Awards were determined by the student's expected family contribution (EFC) on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the number of contact hours enrolled. Students had the option to receive a grant in the form of a check or have the amount of the grant applied to their student account balance. Twenty-four (24) students elected to apply the grant to their account balances while 506 elected to receive grant checks.

To defray the costs of textbooks and required materials, the college allowed any post-secondary student currently enrolled in the Winter 2022 semester to utilize a textbook voucher or textbook reimbursement up to \$250. This amount was in addition to any emergency grant awards. The deadline to use the textbook assistance was January 30, 2022, by 4:00 p.m.

The Oaks Store, owned by Follett, worked with the college's Financial Aid Office to track textbook vouchers. The Financial Aid Office evaluated receipts and approved requests for textbook reimbursements after the January 30, 2022, deadline.

III On December 6, 2022, the Vice President of Student Services notified all students via their college email of the availability of, and eligibility requirements of, textbook assistance grants for the Winter 2022 semester. Included in this email was a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Business Office encouraged students to contact their local tax advisor for information on any tax implications regarding emergen