

CRRSA Act Reporting (HEERF III)
Quarterly Reporting for June 30, 2022

Certification

Illinois State University has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and intends to use all of funds allocated for Emergency Financial Aid Grants received under the CRRSA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Funds Distributed and Student Eligibility

As of June 30, 2022, Illinois State University received \$22,062,690 of Emergency Financial Aid funds under the CRRSA Act (HEERF III) and to date has distributed all HEERF funds. During the second quarter (April 1-June 30), Illinois State University distributed \$2,779,742 of federal funds in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 3606 students. Illinois State University has an estimated 21,720 students eligible to participate in programs under the CRRSA Act.

Method Used to Determine Student Eligibility

Illinois State University prioritized funds to students with extenuating financial need based on the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Assistance. Block grants were awarded to students enrolled in the spring 2022 or summer 2022 terms. Awarding criteria was as follows:

EFC 0-6,000:	\$2,250 grant
EFC 6,001-10,000	\$1,500 grant
EFC 10,001-15,000	\$1,000 grant
EFC 15,001-30,000	\$500 grant

Eligible students that experienced extenuating financial hardship and did not meet the block grant selection criteria could submit an application to the Financial Aid Office for committee review and consideration of grant funds. Students that met the block grant criteria but still had extenuating financial need could also submit an application to the Financial Aid office for committee review and consideration of grant funds. Funds were distributed directly to students unless students provided consent to apply funds to outstanding balance.

A subsequent block grant of \$500 was disbursed directly to students to assist with increased transportation costs for students enrolled in coursework that may have required travel, such as clinicals, student teaching, and internships.

In addition to the block grant criteria above, a separate summer block grant of up to \$627 was disbursed directly to students who had received Pell Grant funds during the 2021-2022 academic year and enrolled in the summer term to assist with educational expenses.

The maximum amount a student can receive within an academic year is \$6,000.

Notification to Students

The institution issued a letter to recipients including information about the grant, how to view the amount of their grant and how the funds are awarded and disbursed.

In addition information regarding emergency grants is available to all students on the Illinois State University Student Emergency Grant Funds web page.

The Financial Aid Office also conducted phone outreach to students with outstanding balances and sent out communication about the change in financial situation process. The change in circumstance process is also posted online at <https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/process/changes/>.