

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND III REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

As an institution receiving the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Los Angeles College of Music is required to post certain information on its website. Subsequent reports are due quarterly and must be posted no later than 10 days after the calendar quarter (October 10, January 10, April 10, July 10). The following information is reported for the period, October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

- I. This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the *Certification and Agreement* and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the ARP (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- II. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student under the ARP (a)(4) programs, is \$313,937.
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(4) programs as of December 31, 2021, is \$87,400.00.
- IV. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(4) programs is 252.
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP (a)(4) programs is 50.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student have received under the ARP (a)(4) programs.

All students who have been affected by COVID19 and are in need of this emergency grant, are required to submit an electronic application and supporting documentation at https://lacm.formstack.com/forms/heerf_iii_student_covid19_financial_hardship_grant. The grant is distributed to students who submit their request for assistance for tuition, housing, food, health care, childcare expenses, or other expenses that are normally included in the student's cost of attendance as a result of the pandemic. Students who have submitted a FAFSA will be awarded based on their EFC. Students

have the option on the Formstack application to consent ARP grant payment towards any of their balance owed to the institution on or after March 13, 2020. Any remaining balance applied after the grant payment, will be the student responsibility. If the student account balance results in a credit balance, the credit will be refunded to the student. Students who were awarded were notified via email. The institution will continue to distribute these emergency funds as students submit their request. Amounts will be awarded with the goal to assist as many students as possible based on needs presented in the application. Additionally, students have received \$500 - \$2000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grant and confirmed expenses as mentioned above resulting from the pandemic.

- VII. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows: Students are instructed to submit their electronic application and supporting documentation at https://lacm.formstack.com/forms/heerf_iii_student_covid19_financial_hardship_grant. Students may receive emergency relief assistance for tuition, food, housing, health care, childcare expenses, or other expenses typically included in a student's cost of attendance (COA), as a result of the pandemic.

Financial aid students may be able to receive a financial aid income adjustment on their FAFSA if the student or parent received recent unemployment benefits. If you or your family's financial situation has change significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you or your parent lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@lacm.edu to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Note that the school's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Completion of the HEERF III application does not guarantee the student eligibility to receive this grant. LACM will award students with the most exceptional need and make available subsequent application periods based on the available funds.