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### Reviewed Quarterly

- ✓ December 2021: No changes to previous data
- ✓ March 2022 Final Report

### **American Rescue Plan, ARP HEERF III**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan, 2021 (ARP), signed into law on March 11, 2021. This fund allows Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing and St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing and Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to the Department on June 5th, 2020. At least 50 percent of the total allocation received under Section 18004(a) (1) of the funds will provide emergency aid to students.

### **Who is eligible to receive ARP, HEERF III funding?**

- Matriculated during the Fall 2021 semester or Spring 2022 semester
- Application submission attesting to incurring unexpected expenses, unmet financial need, or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations resulting from the coronavirus.
- Grant applications were posted to MESA for students to complete on 8/19/2021 for fall semester. Signs were also posted on campus. Grant applications were posted for students to complete on by January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for spring semester.

St. Peter's Health Partners Schools of Nursing understands you may have incurred expenses such as any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as tuition & fees, school supplies, technology (including internet access, software, computer, etc.) food, housing, healthcare (including mental health care) and/or child care. If you have incurred additional expenses as described above and meet eligibility requirements, please complete the application located in MESA and return to student services. Due date to complete ARP HEERF III Grant application for the fall semester was 9/20/2021. Due date to complete the application for the spring semester was 1/28/2022.

### **What expenses can be covered with ARP funding?**

Grants awarded are intended to reduce financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic, but in some instances will not fully resolve or remove the financial burden. Examples of COVID-19 related expenses eligible for grant consideration include, but are not limited to:

Any component of a student's cost of attendance:

Tuition

Food  
Housing  
Healthcare (including mental health)  
Childcare

**Can I use my ARP payment towards a current/past due balance?**

Yes. Per federal guidance, emergency cash grants to students can be applied towards outstanding balances.

**How were ARP awards for Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing determined? (Method used to determine awards)**

Four (4) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student’s 2021-2022 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) prioritizing those students by greatest financial need. If no FAFSA was on file, the student was categorized as Tier 4.

Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing FALL block grant formula:

Tier	2021-2022 FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0-5,846	54	\$1,300	\$70,200
2	\$5,847-9,999	10	\$800	\$8,000
3	\$10,000-19,999	16	\$550	\$8,800
4	\$20,000 + No FAFSA	10	\$300	\$3,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>90 students</b>		<b>\$90,000</b>

A similar set of block awards will be distributed to Samaritan hospital school of nursing students in Spring 2022 to distribute the remaining balance of \$82,927 in emergency grants.

**How were ARP awards for St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing determined? (Method used to determine awards)**

Four (4) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student’s 2021-2022 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) prioritizing those students by greatest financial need. If no FAFSA was on file, the student was categorized as Tier 4.

St Peter's Hospital College of Nursing, FALL block grant formula:

Tier	2021-2022 FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0-\$5,846	50	\$1,200	\$60,000
2	\$5,847-9,999	18	\$700	\$12,600
3	\$10,000-19,999	9	\$500	\$4,500
4	\$20,000 + No FAFSA	15	\$250	\$3,750
<b>Total:</b>		<b>92 students</b>		<b>\$80,850</b>

A similar set of block awards will be distributed to St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing students in Spring 2022 to distribute the remaining balance of \$71,969 in emergency grants.

Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing SPRING block grant formula:

Tier	FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0-5,846	63	\$1,031	\$64,953
2	\$5,847-9,999	14	\$676	\$9,464
3	\$10,000-19,999	15	\$450	\$6,750
4	\$20,000 + No FAFSA	10	\$176	\$1,760
<b>Total:</b>		<b>102 students</b>		<b>\$82,927</b>

Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing total allocation is \$172,927. As of February 4, 2022, \$172,927 has been awarded and disbursed to 126 students.

St Peter's Hospital College of Nursing, SPRING block grant formula:

Tier	FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0-\$5,846	46	\$1137	\$52,302
2	\$5,847-9,999	17	\$700	\$11,900
3	\$10,000-19,999	5	\$510	\$2,550
4	\$20,000 + No FAFSA	17	\$251	\$4,267
<b>Total:</b>		<b>85 students</b>		<b>\$71,019</b>

St Peter's Hospital College of Nursing total allocation is \$151,869. As of February 4, 2022, \$151,869 has been awarded and disbursed to 120 eligible students.