

Bryn Athyn College

ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Reporting

The 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. Institutions are required to sign and submit a Certification and Agreement that ensures no less than 50 percent of funds received under CARES Act Section 18004 (a) (1) will provide direct, emergency financial aid grants to students.

In addition, institutions are required to comply with the reporting requirements as provided by the Department of Education and post an initial 30-day report to their institution's primary website with updates posted every quarter thereafter.

Date of Quarterly Report: July 8, 2022

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Grant Award Number: P425E204919

Source and Purpose of Funds:

ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – IHE/Student Aid Section 314 (a) (1) provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to be used for any component of the 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 childcare. In making financial aid grants to students, an institution must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants.

Information Reported

1. On June 1st, 2020, Bryn Athyn College submitted the signed Certification and Agreement to the US Department of Education committing to use no less than 50% of funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students under the CARES – HEERF I, CRRSAA – HEERF II, and ARP – HEERF III Programs.
2. On July 15, 2021, Bryn Athyn College received \$464,410 for direct to student emergency financial aid grants.
3. Bryn Athyn acknowledged that all students were financially affected to some degree by COVID-19 and/or its implications – for example, disruption of on campus operations when cases spiked, instruction was disrupted, and testing/vaccinations were required; when quarantines or delayed returns to campus were necessary for resident students; when athletics and other events were canceled; when safety protocols required restrictions on attendance at events, etc.
4. Bryn Athyn College has distributed a total of \$428,870 in available funds as of the date of this report of which \$8,500 was distributed since the prior quarterly report, dated April 8, 2022:

- a. Bryn Athyn distributed \$8,000 to 3 students enrolled in academic year 2021-2022. There were no mass distributions to current students during the quarter ending June 30, 2022. (See the ARP Direct to Students report dated April 8 for the terms of the mass distribution during the quarter ending March 31, 2022.) All current students receiving distributions this quarter made appeals for additional assistance due to a financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19 ([view mass message](#)).
 - b. Bryn Athyn determined that former students not enrolled in academic year 2021-2022 (graduates, withdrawals, or transfers) who experienced a portion of their education during the pandemic should be given additional consideration even though they received various distribution amounts in past years from HEERF 1 and HEERF 2 (CRRSAA). On or about January 10, 2022, former students with EFC levels below \$10,000 during HEERF 1 or HEERF 2 were notified of an additional award of \$500. If those students had an outstanding balance, they were encouraged by the bursar to contact the Enrollment Management and Financial Aid Office if they required additional assistance in satisfying that balance due to a financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19: ([view former student mass message](#)) After continued follow up, \$500 was distributed to one former student during the quarter ending June 30, 2022.
5. The College continues to reach out to eligible current students or former students regarding additional financial aid adjustments if the student or their family were financially affected by COVID. The College is considering how best to support current or former students who are still struggling with tuition and fee obligations by means of remaining ARP Institutional and Direct to Students funds not yet drawn. Because the College has experienced significant “lost revenue” within its operations during the pandemic, no Institutional fund awards have been applied to date to cancel any student obligations.