On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated funds for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third round of funding appropriated to provide higher education institutions funds to support students, and the institution itself, with expenses and financial needs related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The ARP includes additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) funds, referred to as HEERF III, in the amount of $39.6 billion in emergency funding to higher education.

On May 11, 2021 the Department provided allocations to colleges and universities and instructed colleges and universities to prioritize distribution to students with exceptional need. These funds must be reserved to provide students with financial grants, which may be used for any component of a 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 child care. Accordingly, The University of New Haven acknowledges the following:

1. On May 11, 2021, The University of New Haven received notice that a supplemental award has been made to the University under section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP notifying institutions of the minimum amount each institution must reserve for emergency grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds the University received from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 2003(a)(1) of the ARP for emergency grants to students is $6,205,906.
3. The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP as of December 31, 2021 is $6,145,250.
4. The number of students at the institution eligible to participate under Section 2003(a)(1) of ARP is approximately 4,900.
5. As of December 31, 2021, 4,955 students have received an emergency grant under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP.
6. The University used the following method to determine which students may receive emergency grants under Section 2003(a)(1) of ARP.
   a. EFC $0 to $999 awarded $2,400
   b. EFC $1,000 to $2,499 awarded $2,300
c. EFC $2,500 to $3,499 awarded $2,200

d. EFC $3,500 to $5,846 awarded $2,100

e. EFC $5,847 to $9,999 awarded $1,600

f. EFC $10,000 to $19,999 awarded $1,200

g. EFC $20,000 to $29,999 awarded $900

h. EFC $30,000 to $39,999 awarded $800

i. EFC $40,000 to $49,999 awarded $600

j. EFC $50,000 + awarded $500

k. Graduate Students awarded $550

l. Remaining funds will be distributed to assist students whose families experienced a serious healthcare emergency related to COVID-19.

7. The following information was provided by the University of New Haven University to students concerning the emergency grants.

https://www.newhaven.edu/about/departments/one-stop/federal-relief-funding/HEERF-III.php

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