

**Lander University**

**Strengthening Institutions Programs Portion of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Higher Education  
Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)**

**Report as of August 31, 2021**

**Purpose**

Funds can be spent on reimbursement of Covid-19 related costs as defined in the American Rescue Plan Section 2003(a)(1) and further directed guidance from the US Department of Education.

**ARP Funding**

Lander University received the following under section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan

<i>ARP Funding</i>	<i>Total Allocation</i>	<i>Allocation to Emergency Financial Aid Grants</i>	<i>Institutional Portion</i>	<i>Strengthening Institutions Program</i>
<b>Lander University</b>	\$10,168,323	\$4,887,219	\$4,855,094	\$426,010

**Total Disbursement for Strengthening Institutions Programs Portion of the ARP**

<i>ARP Funding</i>	<i>Total Disbursements to Date</i>
<b>Lander University</b>	\$0

**Total Disbursement for Student portion – Emergency Financial Aid Grants of the ARP (HEERF III)**

<i>ARP Funding</i>	<b>Lander University</b>
<i>Total Disbursements to Date</i>	\$0

**1) Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants direct payments pursuant to section 2003(a)(1)**

<i>ARP Funding</i>	<b>Lander University</b>
<i>Total # of Students Receiving Aid</i>	0
<i>Direct payments to students</i>	\$0

**2) Total # of Students electing to apply Emergency Financial Aid Grants to their current student account balance pursuant to section 2003(a)(1)**

<i>ARP Funding</i>	<b>Lander University</b>
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<i>Total # of Students electing to apply their eligible grant toward their student account balance</i>	0
<i>Eligible payments made on account</i>	\$0
<i>Balance paid directly to students</i>	\$0
<b>Total combined payments on account &amp; direct payments to students</b>	\$0

**Methodology for Student Portion for section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan**

The institution intends on implementing the same methodology used to calculate the Student Portion of HEERF II using increased dollar values.

To be eligible to receive the emergency financial aid grants provided by the CRRSAA/HEERF II, students must:

- be enrolled full-time or part-time in the Spring 2021 semester (face-to-face or online) as a degree-seeking student; and
- be a U.S. citizen, or a non-citizen who is eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (i.e., be eligible to receive federal student aid).

Students enrolled exclusively in online/distance learning are also eligible.

Lander has prioritized students with exceptional need in awarding the emergency financial aid grants.

Full-time students who meet the eligibility requirements [above] will receive a grant of \$500, with additional allotments of \$500 for each of the following criteria that apply:

- Initial gross need of \$5,000 or more, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Remaining need greater than \$500 (gross need minus financial aid offered)
- Pell Grant recipient, indicating exceptional need

In summary, eligible full-time students will receive between \$500-\$2,000, depending on demonstrated financial need.

Part-time students will be evaluated using the same guidelines; however, funding will be prorated and based on the student’s actual hours of enrollment.

Students are permitted to apply their award, from the student share of HEERF III funding, toward educational expenses, including tuition and fees.

Students with outstanding balances are given the option to electronically consent their affirmation and apply this aid toward their Fall 2021 balance. Any excess between their eligible award and amount due the university will be refunded to the student.

**Information regarding the Strengthening Institutions Programs Portion of the ARP**

Information regarding this section can be found on the university’s COVID-19 website at the following link:

<https://www.lander.edu/about/coronavirus-covid-19-information/cares-act-funding>