

HEERF Update –
Department of
Education (Part I)

June 10, 2021

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Panelist:

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Later Today: Discussion Hour @ 5pm EDT on Costing Hot Topics

- Must register separately (link sent to registered attendees, will also be in the chat window)
- Zoom meeting – ability to engage directly with COGR staff, panelists, and each other
- A discussion on a variety of costing issues, including: NIH-PMS system concerns, recent NSF-OIG audit finding (F&A cost rate application), F&A cost rate proposal issues, Data Management and costing, and reactions to OMB and Education (HEERF) sessions.

HEERF Update –
University
Perspectives (Part II)

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Panelists:

Julie Schwindt, Associate VP,
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University of South Alabama

Jeffrey Silber, Sr. Director,
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Cornell University

Lindsey Tepe, Director of
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HEERF at the University of South Alabama

Julie Schwindt

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Our Approach – Institutional Awards (84.425F)

Majority of expenditures until now:

- Housing and meal plan refunds – Spring 2020 term
- Expansion of campus WiFi - ongoing
- Lost revenue
- 'Student Peer Coach' project

Our Approach – Institutional Awards (84.425F)

Going forward:

- Internal proposals
 - Committee decision-making approach
 - Working closely with external counsel and audit firm
- F&A at OSA rate
 - Initially sponsored instruction - changed when guidance expanded
 - Rate agreement MTDC base doesn't address some of the items we are expending funds on. So, we have excluded:
 - Housing and meal plan refunds
 - Lost revenue

Our Approach – Institutional Awards (84.425F)

Compliance and reporting:

- Internal proposals help document funded campus efforts and how they relate to the FAQs in effect at the time the decision was made
- Establishing internal sub-funds to facilitate quarterly and annual reports

Our Approach – Student Awards (84.425E)

- **Not** managed in Student Financial Aid
- Application process
 - Addresses COVID related need and changes to need documented by FAFSA
 - Clarification of use for COA items
 - Certification
- Documenting exceptional need via an internal need score
- Affirmative consent for future emergency student aid

Questions?

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HEERF @ Cornell

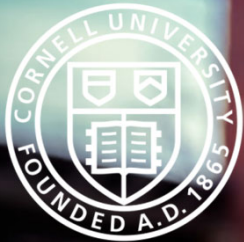
Jeffrey Silber, Cornell University
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Internal Chronology

- April 2020, Cornell accepted HEERF-I (CARES) student funding (\$6.4M)
- July 2020, accepted HEERF-I institutional funding (\$6.4M)
- January 2021, received HEERF-II (CRRSA) institutional award (\$12.1M)
- March 2021, received HEERF-II student award (\$6.4M)
- May 2021, received HEERF-III student and institutional awards (\$16.6M each)
- Total awarded \$29.4M student, \$35.1M institutional
- HEERF is an important safety net component for our students and institution

Internal considerations

- Acceptance
- Management
- Uses and allowable costs
 - Student
 - Institutional
- Documentation and reporting
- Audit
 - FY20 Single Audit



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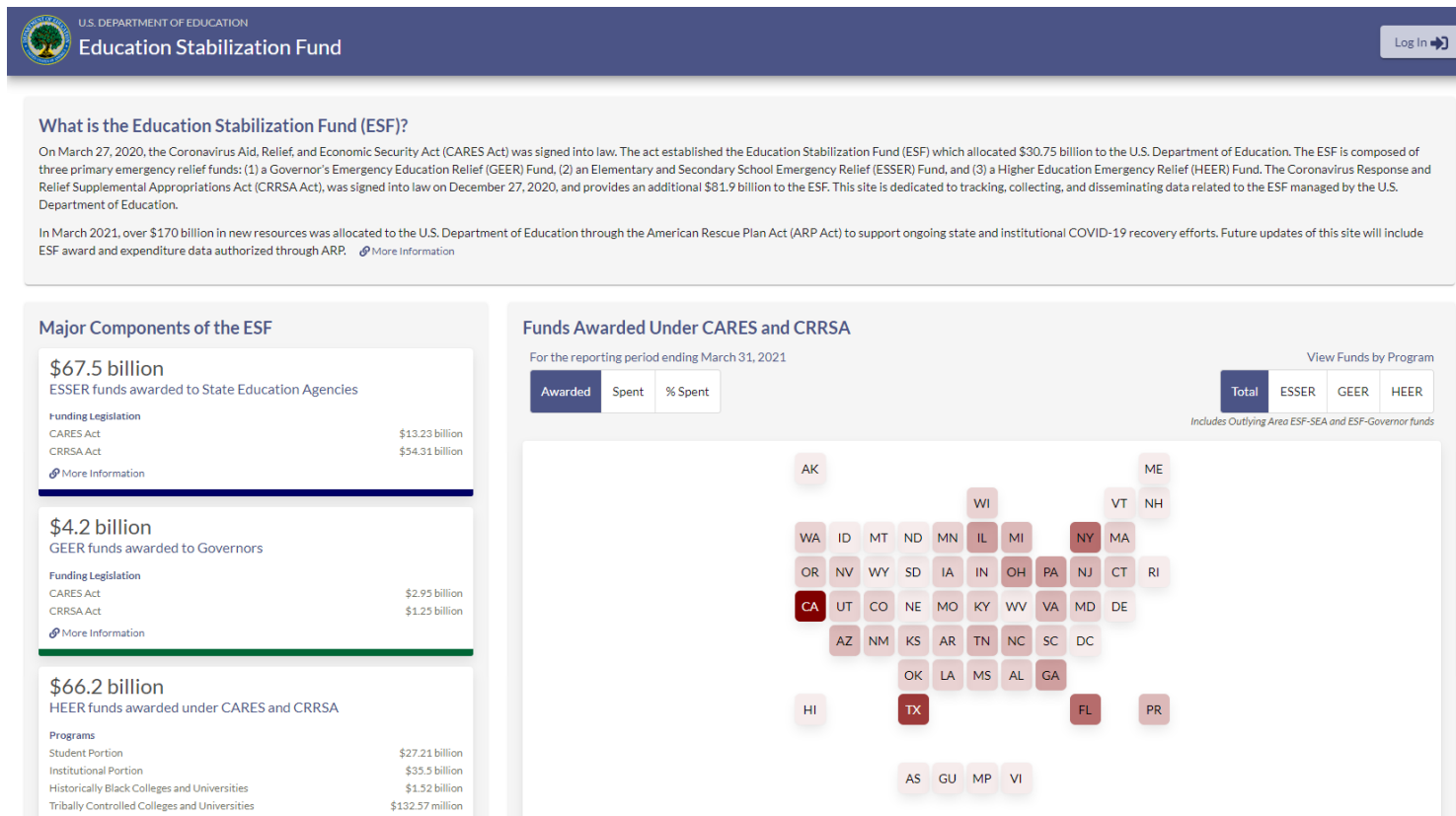


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Department of Education: Higher Ed Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

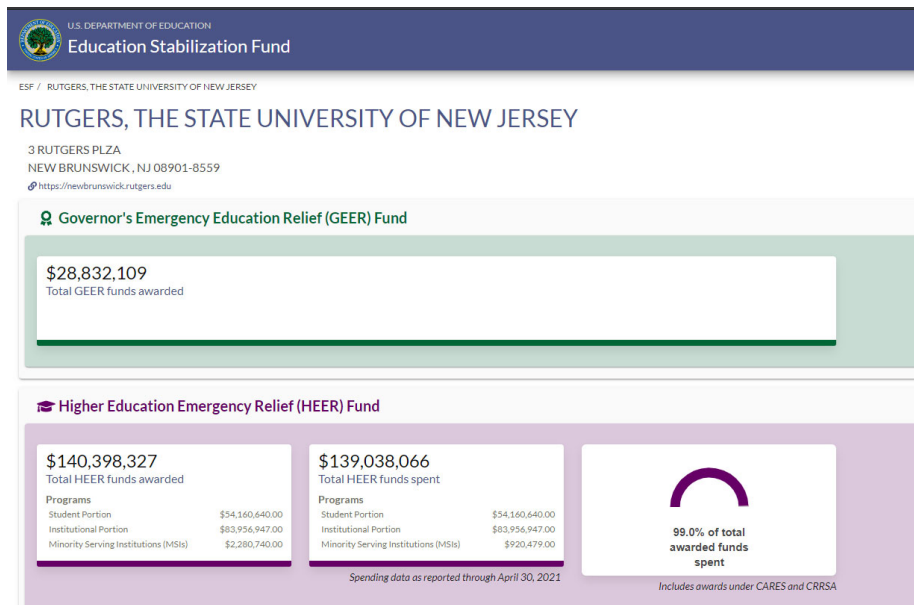
	<u>HEERF I Funds</u>	<u>HEERF II Funds</u>	<u>HEERF III Funds</u>
Legislation	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Date Enacted	March 27, 2020	December 27, 2020	March 10, 2021
Total Funding	\$14 billion	\$23 billion	\$40 billion
Disbursed by ED	All funds disbursed (student emergency aid and institutional relief)	All funds disbursed (student emergency aid and institutional relief)	Funds have not yet been disbursed

COVID-19 Education Relief: Public Database



<https://covid-relief-data.ed.gov/>

COVID-19 Education Relief: Institutional Data on Funds Awarded & Spent



- ED team has been regularly updating the data and functionality of the website
- As of now, HEER funds awarded and spent are not disaggregated by CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARPA funds
- When ARPA funds are added to awards, the overall percent of funds spent will decrease significantly

Q & A
