

## **Cox College**

# **American Plan Rescue Plan (ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III Report**

**December 20, 2021**

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, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

### **HEERF III**

Cox College has signed and returned to the Department of Education the required Certification and Agreement confirming the assurance that the institution will use the applicable amounts designated under CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Cox College has received authorization from the US Department of Education in the amount of \$1,762,128.00. Amounts are designated as follows, for students, \$898,008.00 for the institution: \$864,120.00. Funds will be disbursed during the Summer 2021 semester and the 2021-2022 academic year.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS PRIORITY GROUP ONE**

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According to HEERF III funding eligibility requirements, and other stipulations, recipients will be prioritized by exceptional need.

Priority Group One - Pell eligible students that meet the criteria below.

- Student must have a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) received and on file at Cox College.
- Student must be enrolled in at least 1 Credit hour in the Fall 2021 semester on 10/11/2021.
- Demonstrate exceptional need based upon an official Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA of less than 5712

Awarding Procedure for FA21 enrolled students – Funds will be awarded early October 2021

- First - Pell recipients will be awarded.
- Second - Undergraduate/Graduate students not receiving Pell with an EFC of zero (0).
- Third - Undergraduate students with an EFC less than 5712.
- Fourth - Graduate students with an EFC less than 3001.

Students receiving HEERF III awards will be notified by college email:

- HEERF III funds awarded in July 2021 were \$102,010.00 to 173 eligible students.
- HEERF III funds disbursed as of September 29, 2021 are \$102,010.00 which were awarded SU21
- HEERF III funds disbursed as of December 20, 2021 are \$372,050.00 to 422 eligible students.