

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
Under Section 18004 (E) of the CARES Act & CRRSAA
Reporting and Disclosure
Otero College**

*Quarter 4 2021
October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021*

The Department would like to receive the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement.

Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days and then quarterly thereafter:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
 - Otero College acknowledges that on April 20, 2020, the institution signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form. Otero College has used, or intends to use, at least 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide HEERF Funded Otero College CARES Grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
 - The total amount of HEERF-I funding that Otero College received to distribute to students is \$451,461.
 - The total amount of HEERF-II funding that Otero College received to distribute to students is \$451,461.
 - The total amount of HEERF-III funding that Otero College received to distribute to students is \$1,620,816.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission.
 - The total amount of HEERF-I funded Otero College CARES Grants that have been distributed to Otero College students as of December 31, 2021 is \$451,461.
 - The total amount of HEERF-II funded CRRSAA grants that have been distributed to Otero College students as of December 31, 2021 is \$451,461.
 - The total amount of HEERF-III funded ARP grants that have been distributed to Otero College students in the quarter ending December 31, 2021 is \$6,375.
 - The total amount of HEERF-III funded ARP grants that have been distributed to Otero College students as of December 31, 2021 is \$796,155.25.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students funded by HEERF.
 - The total number of students estimated to be eligible is 795.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - The total number of students who have received an Otero College HEERF III ARP grant in Quarter 4 (10/1/21 – 12/31/21) is 9.
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - Otero College award HEERF III grants to offset the higher tuition costs of online courses. This was a set amount per credit hour dependent upon the student's state of residency.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning HEERF funding.

- Students were notified via a campus wide news letter and through one-on-one conversations with advisors and financial aid staff.