

University of South Carolina – Columbia
ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
HEERF III
Report as of December 31, 2021

Acknowledgement and Assurances

The University of South Carolina - Columbia acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

ARP Act Funding

The University of South Carolina – Columbia received the following funding for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

ARP Act Funding	Total Allocation	Minimum Allocation to Emergency Financial Aid Grants	Institutional Portion
University of South Carolina - Columbia	\$ 58,182,415	\$ 27,617,764	\$ 27,513,436

Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

ARP Act Funding	Total Disbursements to Date
University of South Carolina - Columbia	\$ 27,617,764

Total # of Students Eligible

ARP Act Funding	Total # of Eligible Students
University of South Carolina - Columbia	35,034

Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants - Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act

ARP Act Funding	Total # of Students Receiving Aid
University of South Carolina - Columbia	29,402

Methodology for Emergency Financial Aid Grants Under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides institutions with additional emergency grant funding for students in response to coronavirus. UofSC issued emergency relief fund grants to students in three tiers, prioritizing students by exceptional need. Pell Grant recipients received \$2,100. Students with an official EFC of 11,000 or less and no Pell Grant eligibility received \$1,100. All other regular students received \$600. To be eligible for any of the three tiers, students had to be enrolled in at least one course for Fall 2021 as of September 17. Awards are for the Fall 2021 semester only.

The award notice sent to each will explain the purpose of the ARP funds awarded to them and the process by which they can accept or decline them. Awards will be made to students via the already-established aid awarding process. These awards will be refunded regardless of any balance on the students' account, per statute. Refunds will be sent via direct deposit or paper check, depending upon the student's already-chosen method with the Bursar's Office.

Instructions, Direction and Guidance to Students about ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants

Information and direction provided to students about the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found on the Financial Aid website at the following link:

[Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Grant - Financial Aid and Scholarships | University of South Carolina](#)