

**Southern Tech participation in the HEERF Emergency Relief Funds I, II, III
Emergency Disaster Relief Funds to Students.
Report 10-1-21**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, signed on March 11, 2021, has provided continued Higher Education emergency relief for students and institutions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Institutions have 90 days in which to make an initial draw from the funds to indicate acceptance of the funds. Southern Tech full time programs are in summer recess until August 9th and a disbursement of funds is planned for all students after that date. In the meantime, a disbursement letter has been sent to all returning students who have previously received a Pell grant and offer to returning students not eligible for Pell an opportunity for an income adjustment due to loss of job or other extraordinary circumstances. The school continues to institutionally provide funds for a safe and sanitary environment while preparing for students to return to campus in the fall. Southern tech continues to provide quarterly reports and narratives on our web site for transparency of funds and expenditures.

HEERF III funds added \$366,859 for students and \$366,859 for the institution. These funds are being expended throughout the year as need is determined according to the grant award notices and supplemental agreements.

Student expenses for fund relief include all components of the cost of attendance such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board, and transportation. Coronavirus related daycare, medical services and mental services are also included. Students experiencing extraordinary financial circumstances such as loss of employment, reduced income or food and housing insecurity can apply for emergency HEERF assistance through the school and inquire about a financial aid adjustment for Pell. The school has and will continue to implement, monitor and suppress coronavirus according to health guidelines including sanitizing, shielding and spacing.

Allowable expenses can be used for costs of attendance or emergency costs related to the disruption of campus operation at Southern Tech and to the Corona Virus including tuition, food, housing, health care, mental health car and child care. One hundred and sixty-four (164) post-secondary students were successfully granted a total of \$213,200of HEERF III funds. While all students were allotted a substantial sum, students with the greatest need, as determined by previously applying for and receiving Pell grants, were allotted more as instructed by the current Federal Government Administration. All HEERF I and HEERF II Student funds received by Southern Tech have been disbursed. The current balance of HEERF III funds are \$153,659.

Originally 164 students were estimated to be eligible for the HEERF III disaster relief funds. One hundred and sixty-four students were eligible for and have receive HEERF III funds.

The methods used by Southern Tech for the frequency and level of funding are chosen for expediency, efficiency and sustainability for the student and the school throughout the year. Students are identified as Pell recipients or not, and will be able to request an income adjustment. They will receive a letter and attest to their status and need and the school will respond. All post-secondary students enrolled in

programs at Southern Tech will be eligible to receive HEERF assistance according to government guidelines.

CARES Act HEERF Student Portion Funds

As of the quarterly report dated 12-31-20, the total amount of Cares Act HEERF I funds, \$126,027 have been expended.

CRRSAA HEERF II Student Portion Funds

Southern Tech was awarded an additional \$126,027 for students on 2-11-21. As of the quarterly report dated 03-31-21, the total amount of CRRSAA HEERF II student funds, \$126,027, have been expended.

ARP HEERF III Student Portion Funds

Southern Tech was awarded \$366,859 on 5-15-21. An initial disbursement was made within 90 days for returning Pell students as well as an income adjustment for other returning students. All post-secondary students received HEERF III Funds.

Cares Act HEERF I Institutional Portion Funds

Certification and Agreement forms were submitted and funds in the amount of \$126,027 have been awarded to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus such as expanding remote learning programs, building IT capacity to support such programs and training faculty and staff to operate safely and effectively in a remote learning environment now and in the future. As of the quarterly report dated 9-30-20, the total amount of these funds, \$126,027 has been expended.

Cares Act HEERF FIPSE Funds

Certification and Agreement forms were submitted in early May, 2020, and funds were awarded in the amount of \$247,946. These funds were reported as received on the Quarterly Budget and Expenditures Report ending 9-30-20. A revised report shows \$133,176 of these funds expended as of 9-30-20. As of the posting of the second quarterly report dated 12-31-20, another \$25,091 was expended in the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2020. An additional amount of HEERF FIPSE funds was expended in the first quarter of 2021 in the amount of \$40,287. The balance of \$49,392 was expended by the end of the second quarter of 2021.

CRRSAA HEERF II Institutional Portion Funds

Southern Tech was awarded an additional \$283,907 on 1-19-21. \$188,815.75 was expended in this second quarter, mostly for computers and technology services for students, leaving a balance of \$95,091.25. An additional disbursement was made in the third quarter ending 09-30-21 in the amount of \$23,319.00 leaving a current balance of \$71,722.00.

ARP, HEERF III Institutional Portion Funds

A third supplemental grant in the amount of \$366,859 was awarded on 5-15-21 funds were disbursed within 90 days in the amount of \$22,731.75 leaving a current balance of \$344,127.25.

Annual report submitted 1-18-21. Quarterly reports posted 1-7-21, 4-8-21, 7-1-21 and current report 10-1-21. Next quarterly report due by 1-10-21.