

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Disclosure

Updated September 30, 2021

South Hills School of Business & Technology (SHSBT) has been allocated funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), that was enacted on March 27, 2020. Sections 3504, 18004, and 18008, allow higher education institutions to use certain funds allocated by the Department of Education to support students and higher education institutions with expenses and financial needs related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Amounts were calculated based on the number of Pell Grant Recipients and full-time equivalent enrollment at each institution. South Hills has been allocated \$795,265 half of which is required to be distributed directly to students who are experiencing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Being aware of the hardships facing our students, SHSBT moved swiftly and applied for these funds almost immediately after becoming available. SHSBT appointed a HEERF team comprised of the President, Campus Directors, and Director of Regulatory Affairs, Bursar, and Financial Aid. The HEERF team established eligibility criteria, developed a timely and efficient request and approval process, attended multiple training sessions, and ensured compliance with all reporting requirements. Within 48 hours of SHSBT receiving the funds, students were able to request their grant money allotment through an electronic request system.

In compliance with disclosure and reporting requirements, SHSBT has made the following information available:

**What assurance has South Hills shown that it 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?**

- ^ South Hills has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education upon the receipt of funds.

**What was 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?**

- ^ As of 09/30/21 \$382,634.29

What is the estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act?

Spring/Summer 2020: 322

2020-2021 Academic Year: 254

Fall 2021: 274

What is the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act?

Spring/Summer 2020: 289

2020-2021 Academic Year: 155

Fall 2021: 0 (as of 09/30/2021)

Total: 343

What was 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?

- ^ South Hills is using an application process for students to apply for funding. The following amounts were disbursed:

**Spring/Summer 2020 Disbursement**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Full Time          | \$615.73 |
| Three-Quarter Time | \$461.80 |
| Half Time          | \$307.87 |

**2020-2021 Academic Year Disbursement**

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Full Time          | \$200 |
| Three-Quarter Time | \$150 |
| Half Time          | \$100 |

**2021-2022 Academic Year Disbursement**

(No Disbursements Made as of 09/30/2021)

*South Hills also considered Diagnostic Medical Sonography students who were required to relocate for internship, and incur living expenses, for additional funds.*

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Were there any additional instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants?

- ^ Several emails and texts were sent to students to encourage them to apply for the CARES Grant funding. The instructions were straightforward and students were able to access the application from the South Hills website

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## HEERF II

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), was enacted on December 27, 2020. Congress created several programs within HEERF II. South Hills School of Business & Technology is in the Proprietary Institutional Grant Funds for Students Program 84.425Q Section 314 (a) 4. South Hills will receive it's grant funding in the amount of \$406,137. We will distribute the funds to our students when additional (COVID-19) hardships occur. The method for distribution will be the same as reported in HEERF I. As of September 30, 2021, there have been no funds distributed.

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## HEERF III

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) was authorized by the American Rescue Plan and signed into law in the Spring 2021. South Hills will receive it's grant funding in the amount of \$239,991. We will distribute the funds to our students when additional (COVID-19) hardships occur. The method for distribution will be the same as reported in HEERF I. As of September 30, 2021, there have been no funds distributed.