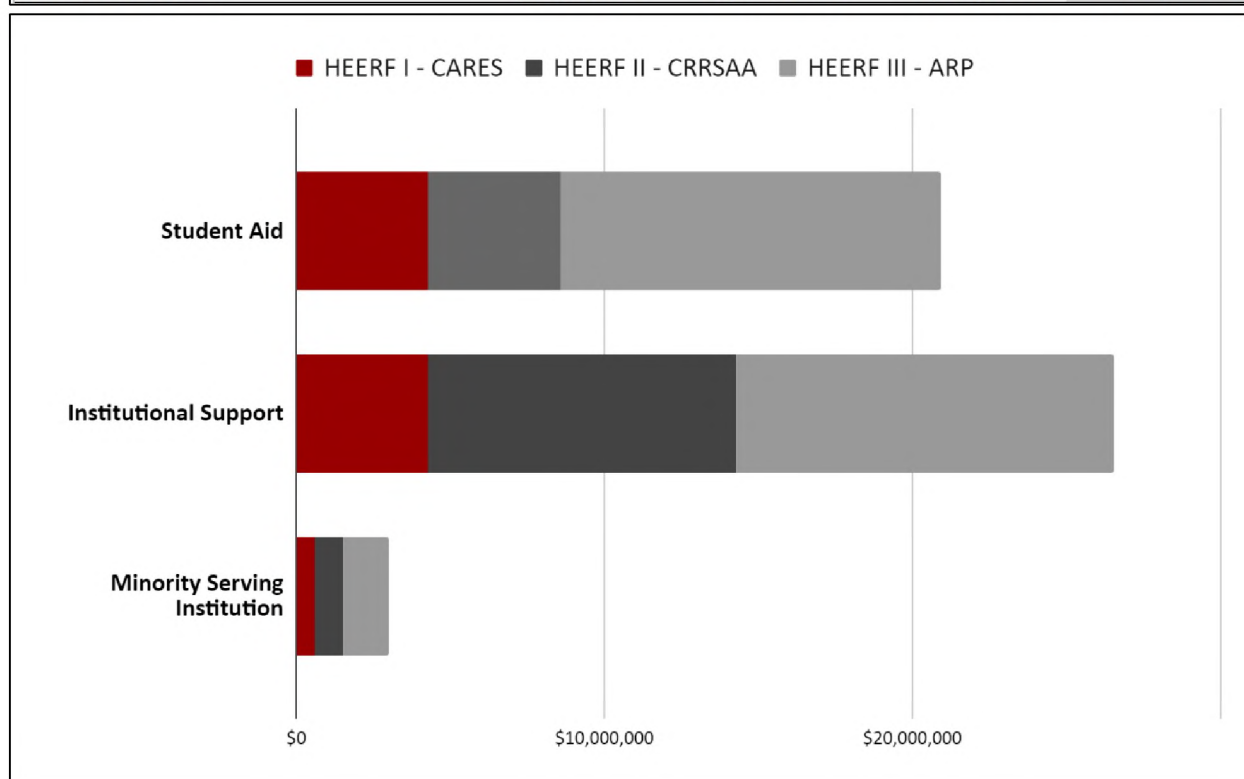# Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant program provides financial aid to students and higher education institutions to help with new expenses and revenue losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was created by Congress as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in March 2020, and received additional funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) in December 2020 and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in March 2021. HEERF has provided about $75 billion in aid to higher education students and institutions.

California State University Channel Islands received over $50 million in HEERF aid.

Three Appropriations Acts: CARES, CRRSA, ARP for a total of $50.5M

	HEERF I	HEERF II	HEERF III	HEERF I + II + III
Appropriations Act	The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Uncertainty Security Act	The Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	The American Restore Plan	Total
	CARES	CRRSA	ARP	
HEERF AWARD FUNDING				
Student Awards	4,290,005.00	4,290,005.00	12,361,189.00	20,941,199.00
Institutional Award	4,290,005.00	9,998,093.00	12,234,249.00	26,522,347.00
MSI Supplemental	611,434.00	898,630.00	1,489,680.00	2,999,744.00
Institutional Awards	4,901,439.00	10,896,723.00	13,723,929.00	29,522,091.00
Total HEERF Awards	9,191,444.00	15,186,728.00	26,085,118.00	50,463,290.00

HEERF funds have provided a financial helping hand to more than 10,000 CSUCI students (unduplicated headcount) with varying financial need. More than $25M, over half the total HEERF funding, has been awarded in student grant aid. In addition, nearly $750K of student debt was discharged through HEERF.

HEERF funds have also served as an important bridge offsetting revenue loss in Housing, Auxiliary University Services (dining and catering), Parking as well as the reduction in FY 2020-21 appropriations. Costs associated with the pivot to virtual instruction and operations were reimbursed through HEERF. This includes investment in technology and faculty training. The balance of the funds has offset campus expenditures protecting the well-being and safety of students, faculty, and staff including COVID monitoring and testing, and facilities modifications.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - Uses by Category

A bar chart showing:
- Student Grants/Debt Discharge/Refunds: $26,507,000
- Lost Revenue including State Appropriation Reduction: $18,926,000
- Technology & Training: $3,511,000
- COVID Monitoring & Suppression/ Facilities Modifications/Emergency Pay: $1,394,000
- Student Services and Financial Aid Outreach: $125,000

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - Uses by Category

A pie chart showing:
- Student Services, Other: 0.2%
- COVID Monitoring, Suppressi...: 2.8%
- Technology & Training: 7.0% ($3,511,000)
- Lost Revenue: 37.5% ($18,926,000)
- Student Grants/Debt Discharge: 52.5% ($26,507,000)