

AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING CENTER HEERF II Fund Report (FINAL)

July 6, 2021

On December 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). This new COVID stimulus bill included approximately \$22.7 billion for higher education institutions and students, using the same Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) model established in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These new funds represent the second Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF II”) approved by Congress.

Section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA requires that proprietary institutions, such as Automotive Training Center, use 100% of their allocated funds to provide financial aid grants to those students with *exceptional need*, such as those students who receive Pell Grants, thereby necessitating ATC to use a different student allocation formula than the one used for HEERF I funds.

ATC is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s Electronic Announcement posted on January 15, 2021.¹

For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Donna Ubele, Executive Director of Financial Aid at dubele@autotraining.edu.

- 1) Automotive Training Center signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education on April 20th, 2020 for the HEERF I funds. This signed agreement remains in effect for all additional HEERF fund allocations. Acceptance of the HEERF allocations indicates ATC agrees to abide by all requirements of the funds.
- 2) ATC received **\$743,059** from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for emergency financial aid grants to students under the CRRSAA program (a)(4) program.
- 3) As of June 30, 2021, **\$743,059** (100%) has been distributed to students under the CRRSAA program.
- 4) As of June 1, 2021, there were a total of **313** enrolled Pell-eligible students, therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.
- 5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA program as of June 30, 2021 is **289**.

¹ See: <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2021-01-15/higher-education-emergency-relief-fund-heerf-student-reporting-requirements-ea-id-ope-announcements-21-04>

- 6) The method used to determine which students would receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant was based on evidence. Students were assigned to a tier using the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as determined through the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The lowest possible EFC is 0 (zero). In general, the lower a student's EFC, the higher the student's family financial need. On the contrary, the higher a student's EFC, the lower the student's family financial need. The tiered funding method demonstrates that ATC is prioritizing students with the most exceptional need. Students did not need to directly apply in order to receive the emergency grant. The grant amount awarded in each tier is as follows:

\$3,000 - Tier 1 EFC: 0

\$2,000 - Tier 2 EFC range: 1 to 1899

\$1,500 - Tier 3 EFC range: 2000 to 5711

April 2021 graduates in tier 3 were replaced with zero EFC March/April 2021 new starts.

- 7) The grant funds were hand delivered to the student in the form of a check with a written explanation of its purpose:

As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) enacted on Dec. 27, 2020, the Department of Education has authorized a second round of funding under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to ensure that learning continues during the coronavirus pandemic.

The attached check is your portion of these funds. This grant may be used for any component of the cost of attendance (tuition, fees, housing, health care or child care) or for emergency costs associated with COVID-19. These funds are non-taxable and do not need to be repaid.

If you have any questions concerning these funds, or if you wish to apply any portion of these funds to your outstanding account balance, please see the Financial Aid Department.

**ALL HEERF II FUNDS ARE EXPENDED AS OF THE DATE OF THIS REPORT.
NO ADDITIONAL QUARTERLY REPORTING IS REQUIRED.**