8/30/2021

Dear XXXX,

Washington State University received $31.1 million in emergency funding for students through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), as part of the Higher Education Economic Relief Fund or HEERF. Since this is the third HEERF program, it is also known as HEERF III. To date, Washington State University has distributed $30.5 million of HEERF III to students enrolled in Summer and Fall semesters, listed as the Federal Emergency Relief Grant on their student account. Student selection for summer was based on financial need, or on students completing the Emergency Fund Request form. Student selection for Fall was based on financial need and looked at enrolled students on August 13 and again on August 23. The Emergency Fund Request form is now open for Fall term for those students who have been impacted by the pandemic and who have not already received federal emergency funding for Fall term. **Students will only receive federal emergency funding once per term.**

For access to the Emergency Fund Request form, as well as more information about HEERF III and the other HEERF programs,
please see the: **WSU Student Care Network financial assistance site**.

We encourage students to utilize HEERF funds to help address expenses like housing, food, transportation or related items. Washington State University offers an outstanding financial education initiative called Cougar Money Matters, which can help with topics like building a budget, credit and credit cards, student loans and many other topics. Through it, we have the premier online financial education tool called iGrad. We believe this important resource can assist any student, whether they receive emergency funding or not. Please see the **Cougar Money Matters site** for more information.

We wish you a successful and rewarding academic year ahead. Don't hesitate to **contact us** if you have any questions.