



Financial Aid Office

Ana G. Méndez University
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**Notice to Students and General Public on the Use of Higher Education
Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)
PR/AWARD NUMBER P425E210029**

In compliance with the United States Department of Education's requirements to disclose to students and the general public the uses of funds under the ARP for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students provided to Ana G. Méndez University (AGMU), we hereby inform the following:

1. On March 17, 2022, AGMU received from the United States Department of Education (USDE) the notification of the HEERF grant funds awarded under section 2003 of the ARP, known as HEERF III funds, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the campus and locations in Puerto Rico and the United States to cover expenses incurred on or after March 13, 2020 related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to Coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care, as established in Section 2003(7) of the ARP.
2. AGMU received **\$113,275** from the USDE. This minimum amount that the institution must spend on emergency financial aid grants to students has been calculated by the USDE based on the formula contained in section 314(a)(1) of the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)*, as required in section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP.
3. For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, AGMU did not distribute funds under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP.

As of the quarter ended September 30, 2023, AGMU has distributed **\$122,787** of HEERF III funds under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP. This amount includes **\$10,672** received under the institution's Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion of the ARP funds but used to provide additional Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

4. AGMU had **1,949** students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal to 0 in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) officially enrolled during second semester of academic year 2021-22 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP.
5. AGMU distributed HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants to **1,949** students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal to 0 in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) officially enrolled during the second semester of academic year 2021-22.

6. AGMU distributed HEERF III funds to the students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal to 0 in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) officially enrolled during the second semester of academic year 2021-22. This distribution included students who dropped out, withdrew officially or unofficially during the second semester 2021-22, as permitted by the USDE.

As required by the USDE, AGMU distributed the funds prioritizing aid to students with exceptional need, assigning funds to students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal to 0 in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The amount of aid distributed per student was \$63.

AGMU, in its definition of exceptional need criteria, also considered eligibility for other applicable federal and state aid, since eligibility for the Pell grant mainly defines the eligibility of students for other financial aids.

7. In letters issued on May 27, 2022, and June 3, 2022, AGMU students were duly informed about the assignment of HEERF III funds and how they would be distributed to students.
8. Every student that received HEERF III under the ARP funds received a letter before the payment of the aid. Communications were sent to the student's institutional email address. Students were advised to call or email their Financial Aid Office if they had questions concerning this matter.

If you have questions concerning HEERF funds under the ARP distributed in AGMU please email to the following addresses, according to your place of study:

Metro Orlando: finaid-moc@uagm.edu

South Florida: finaid-sfc@uagm.edu

Tampa Bay: finaid-tbc@uagm.edu

This information is published in compliance with requirements from the United States Department of Education for higher education institutions that received funds under Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). The institution is required to inform the general public how it distributed the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) to Students under the ARP in compliance with the requirements originally established for HEERF under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).