

# Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II

## FUNDING ORGANIZATION

Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

## PURPOSE OF THE GRANT

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) provides direct funding to institutions of higher education (IHES) to help them deal with issues relating to COVID-19. HEERF was first funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). HEERF II is a supplemental round of funding for IHES funded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

## HOW THIS FUNDING CAN BE USED

This funding can go towards providing financial assistance to students or supporting the ability of an institution to continue to operate during COVID-19. The original HEERF guidelines allowed IHEs to upgrade their IT infrastructure, acquire virtual/distance learning platforms, and other IT efforts needed to support academic instruction and other services. HEERF II retains these guidelines, allowing IHES to procure necessary IT goods and services to enable the best possible delivery of services and instruction to their respective student populations.

## APPLICATION PROCESS, TOTAL FUNDING & ELIGIBILITY

Institutions that applied for the original HEERF funding will not have to apply for HEERF II. OPE will distribute supplemental funding to these IHES within the coming weeks. IHES that did not apply for the original HEERF funds will have to submit an application on grants.gov for HEERF II. Information on that application can be found [here](#).

HEERF II has \$ 21.2 billion in funding. The listing of eligible HEERF II recipients and the amount of funding they will receive is available [here](#). Note, the last column labeled "Maximum Amount for Institutional Portion" is the funding that an IHE can use towards IT solutions.

## HOW TO ENGAGE CUSTOMERS WITH THIS FUNDING

HEERF II is targeted aid that will go directly to IHES. Take the time to listen and understand what these customers' needs might be. How has the pandemic forced them to shift the way instruction or services are delivered to students? Is there a way the customer wished that could be improved? Does your vendor have a solution that could assist?

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

[Department of Education: HEERF II Overview Page](#)