

## **Grant Reporting HEERF II and HEERF III for Quarter Ending December 31, 2021- Published Date: January 6, 2022**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II and HEERF III) are authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020 and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion, and ARP authorizes \$39.6 billion in support for education in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

Machzikei Hadath Rabbinical College has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and assures that the institution has used or intends to use the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA and ARP require that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients nor do they need to be eligible for Pell grants to be eligible to receive HEERF grants.

Machzikei Hadath Rabbinical College has been allocated \$173,477 under CRRSAA and \$461,359 under ARP to be used as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Machzikei Hadath Rabbinical College has disbursed \$69,300 from the Student Portion of ARP as grants to 87 eligible students between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

The total number of students eligible to receive CRRSAA funding in Machzikei Hadath Rabbinical College is 152. This includes the number of degree seeking U.S. citizen eligible students who were enrolled for the Spring 2021 semester. The number of students eligible to receive ARP funding in Machzikei Hadath Rabbinical College in Summer 2021 was 135 students and in Spring 2022 was 187 students.

The method used by Machzikei Hadath Rabbinical College to prioritize students with exceptional need was based on the following criteria:

In the quarter ending on 9/30/2021, Pell Grant recipients were prioritized and were the first students to receive ARP Grants. After Pell recipients were awarded, ARP Grants were awarded to non-Pell recipient students. In the quarter that ended on December 31, 2021, independent students received additional grants of \$150 or \$300 according to their enrollment intensity.

Students were instructed that their Emergency Financial Aid Grants are non-taxable and may be used for any component of their 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.