



## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Monthly Report as of March 23, 2021

**Fund Acknowledgment:** As a result of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of 2021, hereafter referred to as HEERF II, the Federal Government has allocated GW and other universities additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and the ongoing impact of the pandemic. The CRRSAA requires that universities receiving funding during HEERF II must distribute all of the money allocated for students to students. For HEERF II, the university has received \$4,559,265 to provide direct support to our students in the form of emergency financial aid grants. Consistent with the federal legislation, we will prioritize aid for those students with exceptional need.

**Total Funding:** Delta State University received \$1,262,219.00 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERFII) – Student Aid.

**Funding Disbursed:** As of March 23, 2021, \$623,600 has been awarded to students.

**Eligible Participants:** For spring 2021, approximately 2,274 DSU students are eligible.

**Total Recipients:** As of March 23, 2021, 1,029 students have received assistance.

**Methodology:** Students were encouraged to complete a Free Application for Federal student Aid (FAFSA) to verify eligibility requirements are met under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The maximum Federal Pell grant for the 2019-20 academic year is being used as the maximum award threshold per student subject to tiered estimated family contribution levels and cost of attendance maximums by category for the applicable academic term.

**Application Instructions, Directions, Guidance:**

[Emergency Aid - Student Affairs \(deltastate.edu\)](https://deltastate.edu)

DSU students were provided instructions and guidance through email and on the DSU website as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline to apply was March 15<sup>th</sup>.