

# ARP HEERF III DISCLOSURE

## Public Notice

### First Disbursement ARP Grant

1. Academy of Massage & Bodywork, Ltd. (AMB) has applied for and signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to accept allocated funds from the **American Rescue Plan (ARP)**, Public Law 117-2, and the assurance that the institution will disburse the financial aid grants solely to Students. The institution may not and did not use any of these funds for any other purpose. The ARP established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) to provide emergency financial aid grants. These critical funds help eligible AMB students cover expenses related to unanticipated travel, additional technology requirements, or other needs related to an emergency situation.
2. The total amount of the funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the Institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants ARP HEERF III to Students is **\$32,537.00**.
3. The total amount of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under ARP HEERF III as of the date of submission (as of the report this quarter – Quarter 4 2021) **\$16,268.50 for the 1st disbursement on December 27, 2021. Report posted January 10, 2022.**
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in this financial grant under ARP HEERF III programs was **42**. AMB must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants in order to receive a financial aid grant. Students may use this for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as

tuition, transportation costs to travel to school, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under ARP HEERF III in this quarter is **34**.
6. **Student Eligibility:** Students must be actively attending or on an approved leave of absence which started after March 13, 2020. The ARP HEERF III Grants to Students were made to students with exceptional need. Pell recipients were identified. Students including those receiving Pell grants were asked to self-identify their exceptional need by completing an application for the ARP HEERF III Grant for the 1st disbursement which included 50% of the awarded grant received. None of the applicants had previously received a grant from either CARES HEERF I, or CRRSAA HEERF II disbursements.

**Determination of award:** Academy of Massage and Bodywork, Ltd (AMB), the Recipient acknowledged that it may not condition the receipt of such a financial aid grant on continued or future enrollment with the Recipient. Recipient also acknowledged that it may not require a student to consent to the application of the financial aid grant to the student's outstanding account balance with Recipient as a condition of receipt of or eligibility for the financial aid grant.

Student Emergency Financial Aid grant notifications and questionnaires were distributed by school email to amb.edu mailboxes to all students enrolled in programs who could potentially be in exceptional need and eligible for a grant. Each eligible student who indicated on the questionnaire that they were affected by the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus were asked to complete the form and respond to questions based on exceptional need. Points were assessed relative to areas of exceptional need. Exceptional needs focused on eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance. These expenses included tuition, cost of transportation to school, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The listed expenses were those stipulated by statutory requirement.

AMB developed a system and process for determining how to allocate these funds. A committee was formed. All Pell recipients were identified and presented on a list to the committee. Any Pell recipients who stated that they were not in exceptional need were eliminated from the list. All Pell recipients **27** stated that they were in exceptional need. The committee voted to allocate 60% of the 1<sup>st</sup> ARP HEERF III disbursement to Pell recipients. The committee allocated points based on the exceptional needs response on the applications. They tabulated points and calculated a monetary amount per point. The committee members were able to assess students with the greatest need and prioritize them using the objective points system. If the students were Pell recipients and submitted applications, they received both the Pell portion as well as prioritized points.

The individual grant disbursement included allocating 60% (\$9,761.10) of the 1st disbursement of \$16,268.50 to Pell identified students. This amount resulted in approximately \$413.80 for a partial allocation to **17** students. The second portion of the allocation was based on a point system. **23** applicants were awarded **68** points in total providing a dollar value of \$95.70 per point. \$6,507.40 was allocated to those that qualified via the point system which included both Pell and non-Pell recipients. The Total individual awards ranged from lowest of \$95.70 to highest of \$1,083.68 with an **average of \$478.49**.

- 7. Instructions, directions, and guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:** Students were asked to attest that they had accurately and honestly completed their exceptional financial need questionnaire and that they agreed to spend the grant funds only in areas specified by the statute. These statutory qualified expenses included tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

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