The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. Institutions that were previously awarded CARES Act funding, were automatically awarded aid under ARP. Drawdown of the available funding within G5 was an indication of acceptance of the award.

This funding is provided by the ARP’s Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III), with a new formula requiring approximately half of the funding to be used by each institution to provide direct relief to students. Under the provisions of the ARP Act, Clarkson University has been awarded $3,429,611 to be used for direct student support.

On June 24, 2021, Clarkson completed a drawdown of $225,600 to cover a distribution of that same amount to 376 students on June 17, 2021 for emergency relief. This initial distribution of the ARP Act funding was used to provide a $600 supplement to students who had graduated in Spring 2021 that had previously been awarded $340 under CRRSAA funding upon indication within the PeopleSoft Student Financials System that they had expenses related to COVID.

Below is an activity guide response that illustrates the question that each student was asked:
Have you incurred any expenses or financial losses related to COVID19?

Distribution methodology and execution of the remaining ARP funding is in progress.