

ARP ACT 2021 HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND III
STUDENT PORTION REPORTING
NER ISRAEL RABBINICAL COLLEGE
INITIAL REPORT AND REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Ner Israel Rabbinical College is required to provide regular reporting to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) on the use of funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARP). Funds received by Ner Israel Rabbinical College under the ARP Act were authorized by Congress and signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021. The information noted below is intended to not only meet the reporting requirements of the ARP Act but also provide information to our university community regarding Ner Israel's use of the student grant portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

Ner Israel Rabbinical College received federal funding under the ARP to provide financial aid grants to students that can be used toward any component of the cost of their attendance or emergency costs due to coronavirus such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare (including mental healthcare) or child care. The Department of Education has directed Ner Israel Rabbinical College to "prioritize grants to student with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FUNDING AND CERTIFICATION

Ner Israel Rabbinical College acknowledges that the institution's authorized representative signed and returned to the Department of Education the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement to Students under the CARES Act. The required Certification and Agreement documents remain in effect from the original issuance under the CARES Act process. Under the ARP, Congress calculated amounts for the HEERF III funding for each institution of higher education. Ner Israel Rabbinical College was awarded \$307,061 to be used for financial aid grants to students; and \$307,060 was awarded for institutional use in responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

Award Information

Number: P425E205334

Title: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Ner Israel Rabbinical College Student Portion (ARP)

Budget Period: 03/19/2020 – 3/11/2022

ARP Award Amount: \$307,061

Cumulative HEERF Award Amount: \$421,995

CFDA: 84.425E

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO DATE (MAY 14, 2021—SEPT 30, 2021)

The total amount of funds that Ner Israel Rabbinical College has received from the Department pursuant to Ner Israel's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$536,929, cumulatively. Under the ARP Act, Ner Israel Rabbinical College was allocated \$307,061, respectively. The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students under the ARP Act from May 14, 2021 through the close of business on Sept 30, 2021 is \$307,061.

ARP STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The process by which these funds will be disbursed is as follows. A base grant of \$700 was established. Students that had received a PELL grant, or other exceptional need were award a "double grant" of \$1400. Married students, due to their higher Cost of Attendance, were granted \$1050. A student that was only enrolled for one semester was granted a portion of the \$700. This was done by combining the CRRSAA and ARP checks into one check to streamline the check writing process and get the money to the students faster.

TOTAL STUDENT AWARDS MADE

The total number of Ner Israel Rabbinical College students who have received an emergency grant under the ARP from May 14, 2021 through Sept 30, 2021 is currently 535 students with a total of \$307,061 being awarded. Approximately, 550 students may have been eligible for these grants.

The grants checks are available in the student financial aid office and emails and text messages are used to alert students to obtain their checks. Any questions can be send to the financial aid office 443-548-6055 or finaid@nirc.edu.

This is a final report.