

Grant Reporting HEERF II and HEERF III for Quarter Ending September 30, 2021

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.

Yeshivat Hechal Shemuel 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.

Yeshivat Hechal Shemuel has been allocated \$45,602 under CRRSAA and \$110,217 under ARP to be used as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Yeshivat Hechal Shemuel has disbursed \$54,316 from the Student Portion of ARP as well as \$6,284 from Institution Portion of ARP as grants to 56 eligible students between July 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021.

The method used by Yeshivat Hechal Shemuel to prioritize students with exceptional need was based on the following criteria:

In the quarter ending on 6/30/2021, Pell Grant recipients were prioritized and were the first students to receive CRRSAA Grants. After Pell recipients were awarded, CRRSAA Grants were awarded to non-Pell recipient students. In the quarter ending on 9/30/2021, students that weren't eligible at the time of the previous quarter were now paid. Pell grant recipients were then prioritized, and received ARP Grants. Once the Pell recipient students received their grants, Non-Pell students were awarded their grants as well. All the independent students received a total of \$2,000, and all dependents received \$100.

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.