# American Rescue Plan (ARP): Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report and Public Notice as of June 30, 2021.

The American Rescue Plan was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The Plan provided additional funding to the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund (HEERF III). Institutions receiving funds under the Plan are directed to provide the information below in a format and location easily accessible to the public

## **Acknowledgment of Funding and Certification**

Washington & Jefferson College reviewed, signed, and submitted the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education for student CARES Act funds on June 16, 2020. In keeping with the terms of the certification, W&J will distribute no less than the required amount of the funds received to provide HEERF grants to students.

#### **Total Award**

Washington & Jefferson College will receive a total of \$3,424,293 under the American Rescue Plan, of which at least \$1,712,147 will be provided directly to students as emergency financial aid grants.

### **Funds Distributed to Date**

Washington & Jefferson College will begin to distribute HEERF III funds to students on July 23, 2021.

## **Student Eligibility**

The total number of Washington & Jefferson College students potentially eligible to receive HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants is 1,586.

# Students who have received Emergency Financial Aid Grant

As of June 30, 2021, no students have received an emergency financial aid grant under the American Rescue Plan. Distribution will begin on July 23, 2021.

# Methods Used to Determine Which Students Receive Aid and How Much

Any student who is or was enrolled at W&J on or after March 13, 2020, the date of the national emergency declaration, is eligible for funding. Therefore, international students, students who have stopped out, or students that have withdrawn are eligible for emergency grants under the ARP. All eligible students will receive an initial HEERF emergency grant of \$600.

#### Instructions or Directions Given to the Students

- Website scheduled to be updated with FAQ on July 13, 2021.
- Email scheduled to be sent to all eligible students July 13, 2021.
- My WJ portal announcement is scheduled for July 13, 2021.