I am pleased once again to tell you that Auburn Career Center Adult Workforce Education was awarded additional monies from the U.S. Department of Education through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act’s Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). “These funds support students and institutions towards recovery efforts so that we can emerge from this pandemic even stronger,” said Michelle Asha Cooper, Ph.D. Acting Assistant Secretary for Post-Secondary Education. These funds more than double the emergency relief aid available to students and institutions already authorized under the Coronavirus Aide, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) relief legislation.

The ARP requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances. Institutions are expected to establish a transparent process for assessing need. Beyond Pell eligibility, other ways of prioritizing exceptional need could include students who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses, such as the loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity. The Department’s final rule on student eligibility for HEERF states that all students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency are eligible for emergency financial aid grants, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA or are eligible for Title IV.

This application is for all students of adult programs to apply for emergency financial aid grants.

Student Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Student Program: Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Assistance Requested |  Requested |
| Tuition Assistance |  |
| Technology Assistance |  |
| Course Materials Assistance |  |
| Direct Emergency Grant Assistance |  |

Please describe your reasons for needing emergency grant assistance as it relates to the COVID 19 pandemic. **If you are eligible for a Pell Grant or eligible for other federal or state need based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses such as the loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity please make sure to include that in your reasons for needing assistance.**

 Click or tap here to enter text.

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Thank you for your application. Our team will review your application and get back to you with a response as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,

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