Dear Student,

On March 11, 2021, the Department of Education released notification that Congress approved the third round of COVID relief in a bill named the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Under ARPA, the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) has been allocated $1,170,236 through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) of which must be used for Student Relief.

There is a renewed focus on distributing these funds to students with the highest need. As a result, the campus intends to prioritize these awards based on Pell Eligibility. All degree seeking, Pell Grant eligible students currently enrolled for the spring 2022 term will be considered initially eligible. This cohort will not include Non Degree, Dual Credit, or Employees who receive a tuition waiver.

Because your Expected Family Contribution is in the range of eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant, you will be receiving a stipend for the semester based on your current enrollment. In the next few days, notice of the award will be communicated to eligible students using Maine Street Message Center.

As always, if you are struggling financially as a result of the pandemic, please reach out to Student Financial Services for assistance. They can reached at [umpi-financialaid@maine.edu](mailto:umpi-financialaid@maine.edu) or by phone at 207 768-9510.

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