

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Topic: Other

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Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): 5503 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)/Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP)		
Policy/rule number(s):	OAR 461-145-0087	Release number:	
Effective date:		Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation:

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

As part of the CARES Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, HEERF grants received by students of higher education are designated to help with expenses related to the disruption of the campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds can be used by the student to assist with the student’s cost of attendance, such as

food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. HEERF grants are not considered as part of the student's gross income.

Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP)

As part of the CARES Act and Consolidated Appropriations Acts, emergency rental assistance is available to renters who meet certain program eligibility criteria. In many cases, this income will go directly to the landlord, but in some cases these payments go directly to the tenants.

Treatment of Income:

HEERF income and OERAP income is excluded income for determination of eligibility for ERDC, SNAP, REFC, REFM, TANF, TA-DVS, Non-MAGI, and HSD Medical.

Even though this income is not countable, it will need to be coded in ONE. This is the same if the payment goes directly to the landlord or to the customer.

The ONE System instructions:

When coding payments the customer received from HEERF and OERAP into ONE, code this income as unearned income. On the Unearned Income Information screen, select:

- Unearned Income Category – Disaster Relief
- Unearned Income Type – Disaster Relief payments from state or local governments or disaster assistance organization.

Entering the income this way will ensure it is excluded for all programs. Add a case note to explain this is a HEERF or OERAP grant.

Local/branch action required: N/A

Central office action required: N/A

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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