

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 CRRSAA

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) Reporting: Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

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Overview:

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on December 27, 2020 and provides an additional \$22.7 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Allocation for awards under Section 314(a)(1) includes both funds for Student Aid (CFDA 84.425E) and Institution Portion (CFDA 84.425F), as described in our Grant Award Notice and the USDE HEERF II Allocation Table under Section 314(a)(1).

The University of Dubuque (UD) hereby addresses questions for the CRRSAA Quarterly Report:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, a minimum of \$1,318,697 of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) Student Aid portion of CRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

UD Response: *University of Dubuque completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Monday, April 13, 2020. No additional acknowledgement to the U.S. Department of Education was required for HEERF II funding. The previous committee that assisted with the CARES funding worked to provide grants totaling \$1,318,697 from the HEERF II funding in an expedited fashion.*

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

UD Response: *University of Dubuque received \$1,318,697 in funding to be distributed among its eligible students.*

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act as of the date of submission (calendar quarter thereafter).

UD Response: *A total of \$1,318,697 in HEERF II funding was disbursed to students.*

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act.

UD Response: *The estimated total number of students at the University of Dubuque with eligibility based on the criteria for the HEERF II funding was approximately 1,819 students based on January 27, 2021 enrollment.*

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act.

UD Response: *UD awarded and disbursed HEERF II funding directly to 1757 students and an additional 62 students applied it directly to their student accounts. The awards ranged from \$150 to \$1,200 per eligible student.*

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act.

UD Response: *Eligible students will meet the following requirements:*

- *You must be an enrolled graduate or undergraduate student as of January 27, 2021.*
- *You must be a U.S. citizen.*
- *You must demonstrate need, which is measured by the 2020-2021 FAFSA.*
- *\$1,200 awarded to Pell Grant eligible FT students. (\$600 PT)*
- *\$1,000 awarded to FT undergraduate students (\$500 PT) that have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) outside the Pell Grant parameters, but below a 15,000 EFC.*
- *\$400 awarded to FT students (\$200 PT) that have greater than 15,000 EFC*
- *\$300 awarded to FT students (\$150 PT) that were eligible but did not file FAFSA.*

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

UD Response: *An email was sent with the following information:*

We are informing you that we will be getting funds distributed from a Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II) to you. These supplemental funds are to provide emergency financial aid funding to students “for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that all arise due to coronavirus such as food, housing, health care, (including mental health care) or child care.”

The check will be mailed to you for X.XX on March 26th to your current address on file.

- *If you need to change your address, please respond to this email by Wednesday, March 24th.*
- *If you would like the grant funds to be applied to your student account (posted after December 27, 2020), please respond to this email by Wednesday, March 24th.*

The emergency relief funds were allocated based upon students with the greatest need. This was based upon the expected family contribution (EFC) that was determined by Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We also took into consideration if you were enrolled full or part time and if you were in a graduate program.