

CARES Act Department of Education Report Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - Emergency Grants to Students

For quarter ending March 31, 2021

Certification and Agreement

On April 16, 2020, Marymount California University (MCU) signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds and intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. MCU received its Grant Award Notification on April 25, 2020. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act passed on Dec. 27, 2020 and the University received CRSSA notification on January 19, 2021.

Total Amount of Funds Received

MCU has/will receive a total of \$874,466 from the Department of Education (\$437,233 in HEERF I and \$437,233 in HEERF II), representing 50 percent of funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to be provided directly to students in the form of CARES Act Emergency Relief Grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

Total Amount of Funds Disbursed

As of March 31, 2021, MCU has distributed \$842,483 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 479 students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the following dates:

3/31/2021: \$737.50
2/25/2021: \$40,250
2/22/2021: \$77,012.50
2/11/2021: \$5,750
2/09/2021: \$281,500
1/04/2021: \$17,233
6/25/2020: \$108,500
5/19/2020: \$311,500

Estimated Number of Eligible Students

The estimated total number of students eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student under 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is approximately 479.

Total Number of Student Recipients

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the following dates:

3/31/2021: <10
2/25/2021: 40
2/22/2021: 80
2/11/2021: <10
2/09/2021: 313
1/04/2021: <10
6/25/2020: 11
5/19/2020: 469

Methods Used to Determine which Students will Receive Emergency Grants and How Much

The CARES Act specifies that funds, by way of direct cash grants, should be used to assist students with "expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus." Some examples of unexpected expenses incurred by students at this time are improved hardware or software at home, access to the internet, or other provisions.

The legislation limits eligibility for CARES Act funds only to students eligible to receive federal financial aid (students eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965), excluding assistance to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and international students. Internal reporting showed that 453 current Spring 2021 MCU students were eligible to receive a portion of the CARES Act funding and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

In determining a distribution plan to MCU students for the CARES Act HEERF II CRSSAA funding, the university created three student populations based on need to determine the Emergency Financial Aid grant amounts. The first population, FAFSA eligible students with no demonstrated need, consisted of 97 students and received a grant of \$500. The second population, students with completed FAFSAs with demonstrated need, consisted of 150 students and received a grant of \$750. The third population, Pell-eligible students, consisted of 201 and received a grant of \$1250.

In order to assist eligible students with emergency funding outside of the distribution plan above, an application was created for students to apply for additional funding based on financial hardships directly related to the COVID pandemic.

Instructions, Direction and Guidance Regarding Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - Emergency Grants to Students

Webpage: MCU developed a Coronavirus Update page to provide information to all MCU students about activities at MCU being impacted by COVID-19. CARES Act Emergency Relief Grant funding and procedures at MCU are posted under CARES Act Updates.

MCU will continue to monitor guidance and update reporting and distribution of funds accordingly.

Announcements sent to all students:

- Message sent to the MCU Community by President Brian W. G. Marcotte dated February 9, 2021.

- Notifications were sent to eligible students on February 15, 2021.
- An application to apply for emergency funding was created and posted on the CARES Act webpage along with an email announcement sent to eligible students.
- Students with questions about CARES Act funding were encouraged to email financialaid@marymountcalifornia.edu.