

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting – Student Portion providing Emergency Grants to Students

For quarter ending March 31, 2021

Certification and Agreement

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law March 27, 2020; this act included Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (**HEERF I**) for students. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Act was signed into law on December 27, 2020; this act includes Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (**HEERF II**) (also known as Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021)) for students. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law on March 11, 2021; this act includes Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (**HEERF III**) for students.

On April 15, 2020, John Paul the Great Catholic University (JPCatholic) 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.

JPCatholic received its: **HEERF I** Grant Award Notification on April 27, 2020; and **HEERF II** Grant Award Notification on January 19, 2021.

Total Amount of Funds Received

JPCatholic has received a total of **\$343,806** for students via the CARES from the Department of Education (\$171,903 in **HEERF I** Grants, and \$171,903 in **HEERF II** Grants), 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 for Students

As of March 31, 2021, JPCatholic has distributed \$332,969 in Higher Education Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

HEERF I - Emergency Student Grants Portion: \$171,903

The US Department of Education stated only students who are Title IV eligible can be awarded CARES Act Emergency funds. The emergency financial aid grants to students are intended for specific expenses that are a direct result of the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. JPCatholic signed and returned to the Department of Education a Certification and Agreement, assuring that it will distribute the entirety of the funds as emergency financial grants to students in a way that prioritizes students with the greatest demonstrated need while ensuring the funds are distributed as widely as possible.

The estimated total number of students at JPCatholic eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was 190, of whom 80 are Pell eligible.

Eligible students in their application for the emergency grant funding are asked to certify that they incurred eligible expenses in the allowable categories such as food, housing, course materials, technology, transportation, health care, and child care. Further, they certify that these expenses incurred meet or exceed the amount of CARES funding that they qualify for.

Eligibility Criteria: The method used to determine the cash grant a student receives was:

1. Pell Eligible residential students who lived at home Spring Quarter: \$1,700/student

2. Pell Eligible commuter students as well as residential students who lived at the JPCatholic Student Apartments Spring Quarter: \$850/student
3. Title IV but not Pell Eligible residential students who lived at home Spring Quarter: \$1,360/student
4. Title IV but not Pell Eligible commuter students as well as residential students who lived at the JPCatholic Student Apartments Spring Quarter: \$680/student

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

As of 10/30/2020: \$170,530

As of 12/31/2020: \$0. [Cumulative: \$170,530]

As of 03/31/2021: Returned: \$611. Residual: \$1,984.

The \$169,919 in allocated funds was awarded to 168 students. Of the students who received the awards, 71 were Pell eligible and 97 non-Pell eligible.

For HEERF II - Emergency Student Grants Portion: \$171,903

In determining a distribution plan to our students for the CRRSAA/HEERF II funding, JPCatholic created four student populations based on need to determine the Emergency Financial Aid grant amounts.

Eligibility Criteria: The method used to determine **the** cash grant a student receives was:

1. Students with "financial need" at or above \$20,000: Award = \$1,150
2. Students with "financial need" between \$10,000 - \$19,999: Award = \$800
3. Students with "financial need" between \$250 - \$9,999: Award = \$250
4. Students otherwise could apply for an award of up to \$150

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

As of 03/31/2021: \$163,530

The allocated funds were awarded to 199 students. 254 students were deemed eligible.

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