

On 4/20/2020 Hobart and William Smith Colleges (the Colleges) received HEERF Student Aid from the U.S. Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The award number is P425E203078. As required per the terms of that award, the necessary information was first reported on 5/20/2020. The information below has been updated to reflect activity through 12/31/2020.

- 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, 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.**

The Certification and Agreement was signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education on 4/20/2020. The Colleges intend to use no less than 50 percent of the HEERF funds received under 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- 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.**

The Colleges have been awarded and will receive \$785,790 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education on 4/20/2020. As of 12/31/20 the Colleges have drawn down **\$550,000** of the award. **\$0** was drawn down during the period 10/1/20 – 12/31/20.

- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission.**

As of 12/31/20, **\$673,000** of Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. **\$28,000** of Emergency Financial Aid Grants were distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act during the period 10/1/20 – 12/31/20.

- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**

The estimated total number of students at the Colleges 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **1,500**.

- 5. 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 12/31/20, **426** students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. **11** additional students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act during the period 10/1/20 – 12/31/20.

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 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

To determine which students will receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, on 5/12/2020 the Vice President and Dean of Admissions sent an email to all enrolled, non-international students notifying them of the availability of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and requested that each student complete and submit a grant application by 5/22/2020. A second message was sent on 5/26/2020 extending the deadline to 6/1/20. As of the date of this report the Colleges continue to accept requests for funding and will continue to do so until all funds have been distributed.

Both communications included a link to the application. The text of the email and a link to the online application is also posted on the Colleges' Coronavirus (COVID-19) informational webpage located here: <https://www2.hws.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/>. The application itself is posted on the Colleges' website here: <https://apply.hws.edu/register/CARES>.

All students eligible for funding under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act who indicate a need for those funds, shall receive them until the entire \$785,790 received has been disbursed. The amount awarded will be determined by the Financial Aid Office in consultation with the Vice President and Dean of Admissions with priority going to those who are Pell Grant eligible.

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

The 5/12/2020 communication via email to all enrolled, non-international students from the Vice President and Dean of Admissions notified students of the availability of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. A second message was sent on 5/26/20 extending the deadline to 6/1/2020. As of the date of this report the Colleges continue to accept requests for funding and will continue to do so until all funds have been distributed.

The communication included the following:

- A statement that only students eligible to receive Title IV federal financial aid are eligible to receive the grants;
- Instructions for applying for the grants using an online application, with an application deadline set at 5/22/2020 that was extended to 6/1/2020, noting that the Colleges continue to accept requests for funding and will continue to do so until all funds have been distributed;
- A statement that the funds must be distributed directly to students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus;
- A statement that grant recipients could use the funds how they choose;
- A link to student frequently asked questions about the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act ([THE CARES ACT - Frequently Asked Questions](#)); and
- Contact information for students with questions.

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