

On 1/17/2021 Hobart and William Smith Colleges (the Colleges) received HEERF II Student Aid from the U.S. Department of Education under Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). The award number is P425E203078 – 20A. As required per the terms of that award the information below reflects activity from 4/1/2021 through 6/30/2021.

- 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, the amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA Section 314(a)(1) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

The Supplemental Grant Funds for Students Agreement under award number P425E203078 – 20A was not required to be signed. Draw down of funds with 90 days of the date of the supplemental award constitutes acceptance of the award. The Colleges intend to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under 18004(a)(1) and (c) of Division B of the CARES Act.

- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Supplemental Grant Funds for Students Agreement.**

The Colleges have been awarded and will receive \$785,790 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Supplemental Grant Funds for Students Agreement. As of 6/30/21 the Colleges have drawn down **\$609,210** of the award.

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

As of 6/30/21, **\$717,210** of Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA.

- 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.**

The estimated total number of students at the Colleges eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA is 1,500.

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

As of 6/30/21, **630** students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA.

**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.**

To determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA, on 2/26/2021 the Vice President and Dean of Admissions sent an email to all enrolled students who had a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with our Financial Aid office notifying them of the availability of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and requested that each student complete and submit a grant application by 3/12/2021. A second message was sent on 3/9/21 as a reminder to those students who had not completed a grant application.

Both communications included a link to the application.

All students eligible for funding under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA 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 Vice President and Dean of Admissions in consultation with the Director of Financial Aid. Priority will be given to those who are Pell Grant eligible and others with significant financial need.

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

The 2/26/2021 communication via email to all enrolled students with a 2020-21 FAFSA on file 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 3/9/2021 to remind students to complete the grant application.

The communication included the following:

- A statement that the CRRSAA will provide emergency financial aid grants to college students to help reduce the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their education.
- A statement that only students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and have a FAFSA on file with the Colleges without any match/eligibility issues are eligible to receive the grants;
- A statement that grants will be prioritized to students with high financial need, for example those who receive Pell Grants;
- Instructions for applying for the grants using an online application, with an application deadline set at 3/12/2021;
- A statement that expenses considered eligible for the grants include but are not limited to: tuition, fees, books, room and board, travel, technology needed for academic use, childcare costs, and medical costs;
- A statement that students have the option to have the emergency funds applied directly to their student account or receive the funds through a payment application; and
- Contact information for students with questions.



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