

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), signed into law on December 27, 2020, authorized the second Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) to help higher education institutions prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Similar to HEERF I established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, HEERF II includes financial aid grants to students, which can be used for the students' cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19 such as tuition, food, housing, and health care. CRRSAA requires that institutions provide at least the same amount in financial aid grants to students from HEERF II as was required under the CARES Act's HEERF I. This student portion amount is \$2,782,960 for Delaware State University. CRRSAA also requires institutions making HEERF II financial aid grants to prioritize students with exceptional need.

Institutions receiving HEERF funds are required to post information on the use and distribution of both the student financial aid grant portion and the institutional portion of these funds. The required information is listed below.

FUNDING CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

Prior to receiving HEERF I, Delaware State University signed the Funding Certification and Agreement and returned it to the Department of Education. The College intends to use \$2,782,960, the applicable amount of funds designated under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA, to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

FUNDS RECEIVED

Delaware State University received \$2,782,960 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program. The College has received \$12,935,516 total in HEERF I (CARES Act), HEERF II (CRRSAA), and HEERF III (ARP) funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

As of December 31, 2021, the total amount of emergency financial aid grants disbursed to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program was \$2,782,960. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants disbursed to students from HEERF I, II & III is \$5,565,920.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

The estimated total number of students at Delaware State University who are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program is 4,263.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FUNDS

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program as of December 31, 2021 is 1,523.

METHOD USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

Delaware State University used the following method to determine which students would receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program:

- Pell Grant eligible students received \$2,500.
- Non-Pell Grant eligible students received \$1,000.

GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

Students received e-mail notifications about the HEERF II financial aid grants to students and what costs the financial aid grants can cover. Students were also be asked to complete an authorization form to indicate whether the funds should be credited to their student account or mailed as a check.