

30-day Report for CARES Act Funding

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CARES Act – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Required 30-day Report (05/29/2020)

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CARES Act (H.R. 748), which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” The following information is provided by Roger Williams University as required by the Department of Education (“ED”) in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the CARES Act. This is Roger Williams University’s first 30-day progress report and presents information as of May 29, 2020. Additional reports will be provided every 45 days.

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.

Roger Williams University signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education on April 29, 2020 for the HEERF Funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Roger Williams University received its grant award notification dated May 5, 2020. In keeping with the terms of the certification, Roger Williams University will use no less than 50% of the funds received, as stated under 18004(c) of the CARES Act, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly 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.

Roger Williams University will receive a total of \$2,629,911 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, of which a minimum allocation of \$1,314,956 is to be provided directly to students impacted by campus disruption due to the Covid-19 crisis.

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 (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

As of May 15, 2020, \$1,310,000 in awards have been disbursed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

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.

Roger Williams University estimates approximately 4,028 students are eligible to participate 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.

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 the date of this initial 30-day Disclosure, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 4,028.

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.

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

Emergency funds were distributed based on the following criteria: All Title IV eligible students who had a valid FAFSA on file as of 5/11/2020 and enrolled for spring 2020. HEERF-student share emergency grants are to aid students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Funds are to be paid directly to students and not applied towards outstanding institutional charges.

In order to apply for these HEERF emergency grants, students must meet the following criteria:

- Meet Title IV eligibility requirements. Have a valid FAFSA on file by 5/11/2020 and be enrolled for spring 2020.*