

July 8, 2021

## **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II Reporting**

### **Student Portion**

Section 314(d)(5) of CRRSAA requires that an institution receiving funding under Section 314(a)(1) provide the same amount in financial aid grants to students from the new CRRSAA funds that it was required or which it would have been required to provide under its original Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Student Aid Portion award.

Under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program, student portion funds must be used to provide financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education) which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. In making financial aid grants to students, an institution of higher education must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants.

1. Biomedical Research Foundation and Digital Media Institute (DMI) received the Grant Award Notification for HEERF (CRRSAA) Section 18004 (a)(1) on February 19, 2021. The total amount of funds that the institution was awarded from the Department of Education is in accordance with the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2. The total amount of funds that was awarded from the Department of Education for CRRSAA HEERF II was \$45,578.

\$9,612 is specifically designated as emergency financial aid grants to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act is \$9,612 as of April 8, 2021, in emergency financial aid has been distributed to students.

4. The total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 314(a)(1) of the HEERF II (CRRSA) and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF II CRRSAA is 25.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under CRRSAA is 25.

6. The method used by DMI to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive was to divide the funds evenly across all eligible students. DMI determined this method due to the small number of students and all demonstrated financial need or were impacted by COVID-19.

7. Student instructions and guidance were provided through email since the funds were distributed by direct deposit. The email included the link to and information from the CRRSAA Act Student FAQ page.

Email text:

Greetings DMI Student,

The Digital Media Institute at InterTech has received the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Grant from the Department of Education on the behalf of our students. Unless you requested otherwise, the money was directly deposited into your account.

The guidelines from the Department of Education on how to use these funds are listed below. This is a grant and does not have to be repaid.

“Emergency financial aid grants to students can be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.”

If you have any further questions you can click on link to the CARES Act FAQ page below:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/studentfaqs515.pdf>

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Digital Media Institute at InterTech Staff