

## CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Statement

Bloomsburg University is required to provide regular reporting to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) on the use of funds authorized by the CARES Act. Funds received by Bloomsburg University under the CARES Act were authorized by Congress and signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020. The information noted below is intended to not only meet the reporting requirements of the CARES Act but also provide information to our university community regarding Bloomsburg's use of the student grant portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act" or the "Act"), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the HEERF. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students 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). On April 9, 2020, the ED published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including a letter from Secretary Betsy DeVos, a form Certification and Agreement for signing and returning by institutions to access the funds, and a list of institutional allocations under 18004(a)(1).

The Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the "30-day Fund Report") to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution's Certification and Agreement to ED. Each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website. The following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated after each quarter.

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.

*Bloomsburg University signed and submitted the U.S. Department of Education Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 11, 2020. The U.S. DOE provided Bloomsburg University with an electronically signed Grant Award Notification (GAN) on April 22, 2020.*

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.

*Bloomsburg University has received \$3,953,393 for 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 CARES Act as of the date of submission.

*\$3,941,339 in CARES Grant funds have been distributed as of 3/31/2021.*

- 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.

*6433 Title IV Eligible Bloomsburg Students*

- The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

*5,469 students have received CARES Grants as of 03/31/21. See the chart below for details.*

EFC Cohort	Average CARES Award	Eligible Students	Students Awarded	Grand Total CARES Grant	% Total Allocation	% Total Eligible Students
0-5,576	724	2,636	2,636	1,907,900	48.41%	40.98%
5,577-13,000	985	1,119	1,119	1,102,500	27.97%	17.39%
13,000 +	502	2,678	1,248	626,158	15.89%	19.40%
Awarded by Application	654	NA	466	304,781	7.73%	NA
Grand Total		6,433	5,469	3,941,339	100.00%	77.77%

- 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.

*After significant conversation with the President, his Cabinet, and key members of the State System Office of the Chancellor and consultation with our audit team, the university planned to award the majority of funding within the first 30 days after funds were received to students in the estimated family contribution (EFC) range of \$0-\$13,000 as outlined in the tables below. The EFC range was chosen as it represents about 50% of the in-state cost of attendance for 19-20. In June 2020,-an additional EFC range for 13,000-26,074 was awarded \$500 each. This upper limit equals our in-state COA.\**

EFC Range	UGRD Award \$	GRAD Award
0-5576	\$750	\$500
5577-13,000	\$1,000	\$500
13,000+	\$500	\$500

*Additional awards based on special conditions have also been made. These are based on individual applications and reviews using professional judgment which can result in variable award amounts.*

- Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
  - [Student Email](#)
  - [CARES Act FAQs](#)

## **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Addendum**

The grant funds awarded herein pursuant to Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Pub. L. 116-260, are governed by Section 314 of CRRSAA. Bloomsburg University received \$3,953,393 to be used for student emergency funds in January 2021 and began distribution to students later that month. Awards were distributed across the student population making sure to prioritize the highest need students by providing higher award amounts. Please review the distribution chart below for details.

EFC/Career Cohort	CRRSA Award	Eligible Students	Students Awarded	Grand Total CRRSA Grant	% Total Allocation	% Total Eligible Students
0-5,711 (UGRD)	700	2,165	2,165	1,515,500	39.00%	35.40%
5,711 + (UGRD); 0 + (GRAD)	600	3,950	3,950	2,370,000	61.00%	64.60%
Grand Total		6,115	6,115	3,885,500	100.00%	100.00%

Additional awards continue to be made for exceptional circumstances related to COVID as well as other students who gain eligibility throughout the academic year.