University of Maine at Augusta

CARES Act Funding Under Section 18004(a)(1) – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund 50% for Student Aid

3rd Quarter Report – September 2022

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Award Number: P425E201758-20A

Award Amount: $675,763.00 – CRRSAA (HEERFII) and $3,395,737 – ARP (HEERFIII)

Report Period: 04/24/2020-09/30/2022

Report Date: 10/03/2022

Source and Purpose of Funds - HEERFII

On January 14, 2021 the Department of Education released notification that Congress approved a COVID Relief bill - which included an additional round of student emergency relief funds to be distributed to students. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) was allocated $3,537,103 from the US Department of Education (allocation referenced as HEERF II) of which $675,763 must be used for student aid.

Eligibility Requirements

Consistent with the guidance from the U.S. DOE, eligible students include all students who were enrolled at UMA for the Spring 2021 semester as of 3/26/2021 and are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), with the following exceptions:

- Student Enrolled in Spring 2021
- Non-degree seeking students
- International or DACA students
- Employees receiving UMS Employee Tuition benefits
- Early College students
- Department of Corrections Students

Distribution Plan

Consistent with the other institutions within the University of Maine System, of which UMA is a part, and in acknowledgement that every one of our students experienced disruption when COVID-19 forced all courses to be transitioned to online delivery, UMA will automatically distribute these funds to all eligible students. Award amounts will be tiered as follows based on the number of credit hours and demonstrated student need:

Undergraduate

.1 – 5.99 Credit Hours: $125
6 – 11.99 Credit Hours: $175
12+ Credit Hours: $225

Graduate:

.1 – 5.99 Credit Hours: $200
6 or more Credit Hours: $300

Additional Award Based on Need:

High Need: 120
Med Need: 60

In some cases, emergency funds may have been supplemented with a portion of CARES dollars intended for institutional relief.

All distributions to student will be made via direct deposit or check. Because the IRS considers the CARES student funds as a "qualified disaster relief payment," they are not considered taxable income.

Disbursements as of 03/31/2022

Distribution Type	Number of Eligible Students	Number of Students To Which Aid Has Been Distributed	Total Amount of Aid That Has Been Distributed	Amount of Funds Remaining for Disbursement
Automatic	2,361	2361	$675,763.00	$0.00
Total	2,361	2361	$675,763.00	$0.00

Source and Purpose of Funds - HEERFIII

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing $39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) was allocated $3,395,737 from the US Department of Education (allocation referenced as HEERF III) that must be used for student aid.

Eligibility Requirements

Awards will be based on the overall budget divided by the total eligible student enrollment for the term as of the day after the add/drop period; September 14, 2021 and February 2, 2022.

Eligible Students:

Students will be selected using the following criteria:

- Enrolled in the disbursement term

- FAFSA on file to determine EFC at the time of disbursement
- Not Department of Corrections or Early College Students

Distribution Plan

STUDENT PORTION DISTRIBUTION CATEGORIES AND TIMING

1. Direct relief grant – fall ’21 and spring ’22 semesters
2. Emergency grant – fall ’21, and spring ’22 semesters

Distribution Budget			
Program	**Fall Term (Actuals)**	**Spring Term (Budget)**	**Total Relief**
Direct Relief Grant	1,163,700.00	1,247,800.00	2,411,500.00
Emergency Grant	480,950.00	503,287.00	984,237.00
Total			**3,395,737.00**

Direct Relief Grant Distribution Plan:

Undergraduate:	High Need	Medium Need
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours:	$400	$300
6 to 11 Credit Hours:	$500	$400
12+ Credit Hours:	$600	$500
Graduate:		
0 to 5.99 Credit Hour	$500	$400
6+ Credit Hour	$600	$500

Emergency Grant (Application Based):

Awards are based on Fall 2021 credit hour load and the number of applications received with awards not to exceed $600.

All distributions to student will be made via direct deposit or check. The payments are not considered taxable income because the IRS considers the CARES student funds as a “qualified disaster relief payments.”

Disbursements as of 03/31/2022

Fall Undergrad Direct Relief Distribution - Student Count			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	101	7	108
6 to 11 Credit Hours	823	73	896
12+ Credit Hours	990	144	1134
Total	1914	224	2138

Fall Grad Direct Relief Distribution - Student Count			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	6	0	6
6+ Credit Hours	15	5	20
Total	21	5	26

Fall Undergrad Direct Relief Distribution - Totals			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	40,400.00	2,100.00	42,500.00
6 to 11 Credit Hours	411,500.00	29,200.00	440,700.00
12+ Credit Hours	594,000.00	72,000.00	666,000.00
Total	1,045,900.00	103,300.00	1,149,200.00

Fall Grad Direct Relief Distribution - Totals			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
6+ Credit Hours	9,000.00	2,500.00	11,500.00
Total	12,000.00	2,500.00	14,500.00

Fall Undergrad Application Distribution			
Credits	Student Count	Award Amount	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	54	250.00	13,500.00
6 to 11 Credit Hours	356	400.00	142,400.00
12+ Credit Hours	529	600.00	317,400.00
Total	939	1,250.00	473,300.00

Fall Grad Application Distribution			
Credits	Student Count	Award Amount	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	4	400.00	1,600.00
6+ Credit Hours	11	550.00	6,050.00
Total	15	950.00	7,650.00

Spring 2022 Direct Relief Grant Distribution Plan:

Undergraduate:	High Need	Medium Need
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours:	$400	$300
6 to 11 Credit Hours:	$500	$400
12+ Credit Hours:	$600	$500
Graduate:		
0 to 5.99 Credit Hour	$500	$400
6+ Credit Hour	$600	$500

Spring 2022 Emergency Grant (Application Based):

Awards are based on Spring 2022 credit hour load and the number of applications received with awards not to exceed $750.

All distributions to students will be made via direct deposit or check. The payments are not considered taxable income because the IRS considers the CARES student funds as “qualified disaster relief payments.”

Disbursements as of 03/31/2022

Spring Undergrad Direct Relief Distribution - Student Count			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Ho	106	5	111
6 to 11 Credit Hour	767	47	814
12+ Credit Hours	932	124	1,056
Total	1,805	176	1,981

Spring Grad Direct Relief Distribution - Student Count			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	6	2	8
6+ Credit Hours	14	3	17
Total	20	5	25

Spring Undergrad Direct Relief Distribution -Totals			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Ho	42,400	1,500	43,900
6 to 11 Credit Hour	383,500	18,800	402,300
12+ Credit Hours	559,200	62,000	621,200
Total	985,100	82,300	1,067,400

Spring Grad Direct Relief Distribution - Totals			
Credits	High Need	Medium Need	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	3,000	800	3,800
6+ Credit Hours	8,400	1,500	9,900
Total	11,400	2,300	13,700

Spring Undergrad Application Distribution -Totals			
Credits	Student Count	Award Amount	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Ho	70	400.00	28,000.00
6 to 11 Credit Hour	385	550.00	211,750.00
12+ Credit Hours	545	750.00	408,750.00
Total	1,000	-	648,500.00

Spring Grad Application Distribution - Totals			
Credits	Student Count	Award Amount	Total
0 to 5.99 Credit Hours	8	550.00	4,400.00
6+ Credit Hours	10	700.00	7,000.00
Total	18		11,400.00

Spring 2022 Emergency Grant (Ad Hoc): As of 03/31/2022

After the Direct Pay and Application-based funds disbursed, the remaining balance of $10,087 has been reserved for ad hoc requests on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students must write a letter to the HEERF III Emergency Funds Committee to request the funds.

Spring Undergrad Ad Hoc Distribution - Totals			
	Student Count	Award Amount	Total
	1	500.00	500.00
	2	750.00	1,500.00
Total	3		**2,000.00**
	Total Ad Hoc Funds remaining:		**8,087.00**

Total HEERF III Award Distribution as of 03/31/2022				
Direct Relief	App-Based Relief	Ad Hoc Emergency Requests	Total Amount that has been Disbursed	Amount Remaining
$2,411,500.00	$984,237.00	$2,000.00	$3,397,737.00	$8,087.00

Spring 2022 Emergency Grant (Ad Hoc): As of 06/30/2022

As of 03/31/2022 the remaining balance of the HEERF III Emergency Grant was $8,087 and was reserved for ad hoc requests on a first come, first serve basis. Students were required to write letters to the HEERF III Emergency Funds Committee to request the funds.

Spring Undergrad Ad Hoc Distribution - Totals			
	Student Count	Award Amount	Total
	1	150.00	150.00
	1	275.00	275.00
	1	500.00	500.00
	2	550.00	1,100.00
	3	600.00	1,800.00
	5	750.00	3,750.00
Total	13		**7,575.00**
	Total Ad Hoc Funds remaining:		**512.00**

Total HEERF III Ad Hoc Emergency Fund as of 06/30/2022			
Total Ad Hoc Emergency Funds	Ad Hoc Emergency Requests	Total Amount that has been Disbursed	Amount Remaining
$10,087.00	$9,575.00	$9,575.00	$512.00

Spring 2022 Emergency Grant (Ad Hoc): As of 09/30/2022

As of 06/30/2022 the remaining balance of the HEERF III Emergency Grant was $512 and was reserved for ad hoc requests on a first come, first serve basis. Students were required to write letters to the HEERF III Emergency Funds Committee to request the funds.

Spring Undergrad Ad Hoc Distribution - Totals			
	Student Count	Award Amount	Total
Beginning (07/01/2022)			512.00
	1	512.00	512.00
Total Ad Hoc Funds remaining (09/30/2022)			-

Total HEERF III Ad Hoc Emergency Fund as of 09/30/2022			
Total Ad Hoc Emergency Funds	Ad Hoc Emergency Requests	Total Amount that has been Disbursed	Amount Remaining
$10,087.00	$10,087.00	$10,087.00	$0.00