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HEERF II Report

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020.

The University of Washington acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement, and gives the assurance that UW intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) to provide Higher Education Emergency Financial Aid Relief Grants (HEERF II) to students.

1. The total amount of funds UW received on February 16, 2021, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students is $19,857,978.
2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under HEERF II is $19,857,978.
3. The estimated total number of students at UW eligible for consideration of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF II is 47,915 in spring quarter 2021.
4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under HEERF II is 15,247.
5. The methods used to determine which and how much students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows –

All students receiving standard and individual grants must meet these criteria:
- Undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at least half-time winter or spring quarter
- Eligible for funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Maximum total award per student is $6,345 (largest Pell award).
- A 2020-21 FAFSA on record with the UW’s Office of Student Financial Aid

In order to distribute funds quickly, a standard grant was awarded to those students with the greatest financial need. Additional criteria used for the standard grant—
- Family income in the low- to low-middle income levels based on FAFSA information
- Winter quarter enrollment greater than half time
- Students were awarded a standard grant of $1300. This amount is slightly less than approximately one month of the rent/utilities/food category of our students living on or off campus

Students who were not initially selected for the standard HEERF II Emergency Relief Grant or need additional assistance beyond the standard grant are encouraged to apply for Emergency Aid through the UW Emergency Aid Application.

Additional criteria used for the individual grant—
Awarded based on the student’s statement of need for funds to cover COVID-19 related expenses or expenses no longer covered due to a COVID-19 related loss of income. Students continue to self-identify through winter and spring quarters and we continued to award HEERF II funds until fully expended.

Award amounts will vary based on the student’s statement of need. Limited cases of higher awards are provided when extreme circumstances are presented. Students can apply more than once. Instructions, directions and guidance were provided to grant recipients via email and published on the Student Financial Aid website.