

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021

Salisbury University Grant# P425E200233 5/4/2020 – 1/17/2022

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)

Quarterly Report Jan 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021.

Note: ARP funds were not received until the 2nd calendar quarter and are not included in this report.

- (1) Salisbury University (SU) signed and submitted a Certification and Agreement to the US Department of Education on April 11, 2020, requesting funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. SU received \$5,959,457, and distributed one-half (\$2,979,729) directly to students in the form of Emergency Financial Aid Grants, in accordance with Section 180004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- (2) SU received supplemental funds in the amount of \$2,979,729 from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (HEERF II). By drawing down the funds, SU agreed to be bound by the conditions set forth on the Use of Supplemental Grant Funds. As of time of this quarterly report, SU has received the following funding:

CARES ACT FUNDING: \$2,979,729 (final report found here: <https://www.salisbury.edu/coronavirus/>)

CRRSAA (HEERF II) FUNDING: \$2,979,729

TOTAL FUNDING TO DATE: \$5,959,458 (3/31/2021)

- (3) As of the end of this reporting period, March 31, 2021, SU has distributed 100% (\$2,979,729) of CRRSAA funding to students in the form of Emergency Financial Aide. (All initial CARES funds were distributed by the fall 2020.)
- (4) Based on guidelines provided by the US Department of Education, SU determined 5051 students were eligible in the Spring of 2021. To determine exceptional need, SU included students with an estimated family income (EFC) of \$0 - \$5,711.
- (5) Salisbury University distributed financial aid grants to 2,264 students.
- (6) The following criteria was used to determine who would receive an initial \$1,000 award:
 - Must have a valid FAFSA on file at SU for the 2020-2021 academic year;
 - Student must be currently enrolled in an SU degree or certificate program for Spring 2021;
 - Student must have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and have an emergency need;
 - Must be a US citizen or must meet the definition of an eligible non-citizen based on federal financial aid requirements.

After an “across-the-board” distribution of \$1,000 to those with exceptional need, the remaining funds were awarded to students who completed an application and demonstrated additional emergency need. At most, a student could receive \$2,200. Students who received the initial \$1,000 were not excluded from the application process, and Professional Judgement was used in exceptional cases.

(7) Availability of Financial Aid to students was communicated via a press release, <https://www.salisbury.edu/news/article/2021-4-27-Important-Information-Regarding-Higher-Education-Emergency-Relief-Fund-Eligibility>, and also posted on the following website: <https://www.salisbury.edu/admissions/financial-aid/cares-emergency.aspx>

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