



CARES Act Report
HEERF III
July 29, 2021

Background

Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA requires Recipient, an institution of higher education as defined in section 101 or 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 USC § 1001 or 1002(c), to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136). The amount of funds made available by this award under CFDA 84.425E represents the minimum amount that Recipient must use for financial aid grants to students.

Communication

The following communications were sent to students regarding CARES Act disbursement containing instructions and a link to a form where the student would indicate exceptional financial need:

- June 17, 2021 - An email notice was sent out to all eligible and noneligible students. The deadline for the eligible student to apply was July 19, 2021.
- June 21, 2021- A mailed notice was sent to eligible and non-eligible students with the deadline to complete the application by July 19, 2021.
- June 24, 2021 - A second email notice was sent out to all eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline July 19, 2021 to complete the application.
- July 1, 2021 - A third email notice was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of July 19, 2021 to complete the application.
- July 8, 2021 – A fourth email notice was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of July 19, 2021 to complete the application.
- July 12, 2021 - A notice was sent via text message to eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline to complete the application by July 19, 2021.
- July 15, 2021- A final email notification was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of July 19, 2021 date to apply.

Disbursement

On July 22, 2021 HEERF II funds of \$936,950.00 were distributed as emergency cash grants to NSU students with exceptional financial need based on the following eligibility guidelines:

- All students actively enrolled as of June 8, 2021, in at least three credit hours (based on billing hours)
- Students taking class(es) in audit mode only who do pay tuition
- Students who are not taking courses concurrently while still in high school
- United States citizens and documented permanent residents



To determine greatest need, eligible students were divided into four groups based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) cut-off for Pell eligibility for undergraduate students from their 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

Part-time - EFC Greater than \$5711 Part-time - Less than or Equal to \$5711 Full-time - EFC Greater than \$5711
Full-time - Less than or Equal to \$5711.

A total of 2,745 students were eligible to receive a disbursement. Of that total, 2,119 indicated exceptional need for funds and would agree to use the funds as intended, 1,831 students authorized funds to pay towards their NSU accounts receivable balance.

Students grouped in the Full-time - Less than or Equal to \$5711 were determined to have the greatest need and received the disbursement as detailed below. Any eligible students without a 2020-2021 FAFSA EFC amount, were included in the EFC Greater than \$5711 group.

HEERF II grant disbursement amounts by group:

C3FP FT Pell Eligible \$700

C3FN Full-time Non-Pell Eligible \$350

C3PP PT PELL Eligible \$350

C3PN PT Non-Pell \$175

Eligible full-time undergraduate students (12 credit hours or more) and graduate/professional students (9 credit hours or more). Eligible part-time students enrolled in three or more credit hours. Enrollment status is determined by the number of direct billing hours for which a student is responsible for paying tuition; includes those in which the student is actively enrolled as well as those from which the student has withdrawn after the final refund date for the course.