

May 22, 2020: In compliance with Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Saint Louis University provides the following report.

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On April 22, 2020 Saint Louis University was notified under the CARES Act, a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant in the amount of \$2,570,463 would be awarded to be directly distributed to SLU students. A second grant of the same amount would be awarded to assist the institution directly. Saint Louis University signed and returned to the Department of Education 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.

The conditions of the HEERF monies is to award 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 child care. Emergency Financial Aid Grants cannot be used for tuition or student account balances. Guidelines also included students be Title IV eligible and not in an exclusively online program.

Students were notified in the Office of the President updates, specific emails from the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, tweets from the President, and inclusion on the Emergency Funding webpage. Campus partners were made aware this process was underway. A link to the application is <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-SaTSRIYK-3e2deCrBIZJET9AJPAQroR3WYmhZ-1ejs/edit>. The introduction to the survey is also listed below in exhibit A.

Saint Louis University awarded 4249 students HEERF (\$2,567,200). The methods of awarding included a block grant to insure the neediest students received monies quickly and then an application for students to identify additional specific needs.

Phase 1 consisted of block grants awarded to 3619 students. Students meeting the requirements above and enrolled for spring with EFCs under 5577 received \$500 and students with EFCs from 5577 to 12,000 received \$300.

Phase 2 awarding included a COVID-19 Relief Request Application. The intention of the application was for students to request for a specific purpose and provide some details of their current situation allowing the application to be used for multiple emergency sources, not explicitly federal funds.

Funds identified for awarding utilizing the COVID-19 Relief Request Application included HEERF monies as well as Emergency SEOG, and some institutional funds. Based on EFC awards ranged from \$400 to \$900.

Phase 3 used only institutional monies to award remaining enrolled applicants.

HEERF eligible SLU students 6832

CARES Act Funds Awarded to 4504 SLU students for \$2,755,400

Total Emergency funds to date awarded to 5042 SLU students for \$2,987,950

The distribution of funding occurred from April 22 to May 15.

Exhibit A:

Instructions on the COVID-19 Relief Request Application:

The CARES Act – the federal stimulus package in light of the COVID-19 pandemic – instructs universities like ours to distribute the money to current undergraduate and graduate students who have incurred expenses due to COVID-19.

The federal act encourages us to give special attention to students with unmet needs, and those who are Title IV eligible. The CARES Act, however, does not address COVID-related expenses incurred by our international students, our DACA students, or those students who were already enrolled in exclusively-online programs, such as SLU's School of Professional Studies.

To help us identify your needs, we are asking all students with need to fill out this application so we can learn if you are eligible for either the CARES Act aid, our student emergency fund, or other forms of institutional aid.

As was outlined in Vice President Heimbürger's email to the campus on April 30, we are distributing aid in two categories:

- 1. Immediate/need based grants that are automatically given based on a student's Estimated Family Contribution from the FAFSA.*
- 2. Unexpected expenses grants for the costs incurred to students and families during the quick pivot to remote learning. This includes expenses such as food, housing and moving costs, technology, unexpected travel costs, child care, medical expenses and increased utility costs.*

Please fill out this application, even if you are not sure whether you qualify for funding under the CARES Act as there may be emergency funding or institutional aid available. We will filter every application through every option available to best meet as much need as possible.

Please be sure you have a bank account set up for direct deposit through your MySLU payment suite so that, if you are awarded aid, it will reach you quicker than if we have to mail you a check. It is also important to note that this aid could impact a student's taxable income, and that it may be reported to the IRS.