

# **CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report and Disclosure**

University of Missouri Saint Louis  
Student Portion Report and Disclosure

June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

2nd Quarter

# **Cares Act (HEERF) Information for the University of Missouri in St. Louis**

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department 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. UMSL signed and returned the CARES Act Funding Certification and Agreement on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 and received the Grant Award Summary from the Department of Education on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis received \$2,915,113 in emergency financial aid grants for students. All of this aid has been received by the institution and awarded to UMSL students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

The entire \$2.9 million allocation was awarded to students in the form of emergency grants in amounts up to \$2,000.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

We had a total of 5,265 students who were enrolled at UMSL in spring 2020 and eligible to receive Title IV aid.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act.

There were 1,458 students awarded emergency financial aid grants at UMSL through the CARES Act.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The emergency grants were awarded on a first-come, first-served basis at UMSL. The applicants were required to check one or more reasons why they needed emergency financial assistance on the application, and then they had to provide a written explanation for each reason they selected.

We considered several factors when determining the maximum amount for the emergency grants (average cost for a laptop and high-speed internet, average cost of rent and one month of groceries, and the average outstanding balance that students had at UMSL). Ultimately, we

decided to make the maximum amount of the CARES Act Emergency Grant \$2,000 (the same as our UMSL Grant).

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The guidance and instructions provided by UMSL for the CARES Act emergency grants is outlined below. We informed our student body of this opportunity with a message on our website on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2020. Then we followed up with email notifications to all of our Pell eligible students on April 29 and the rest of our student body on April 30. The application for the CARES Act Emergency Grant was active for 48 hours at UMSL and we received 1,896 applications.

## Sample Email Notification Sent to Students about CARES Funding

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*Sent on behalf of UMSL Student Financial Aid*

Dear UMSL Students,

In response to COVID-19, Congress has passed the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide financial relief to college students. This funding allows higher education institutions to offer emergency grants to students who have experienced financial hardships related to this ongoing pandemic. Below is a link to the CARES Act Emergency Grant application established by University of Missouri–St. Louis. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is depleted, so please act quickly!

Further instructions and eligibility requirements can be found in the application.

UMSL CARES Act Emergency Grant Application:

[https://umsl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bJwhNJzqXHTSnuB](https://umsl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bJwhNJzqXHTSnuB)

Regards,

UMSL Student Financial Aid

**Below link was created on our website for information related to  
CARES Funding**

**<https://www.umsl.edu/sfs/scholarships-grants/heerf-emergency-grant.html>**

## **Cares Act (HEERF II) Information for the University of Missouri in St. Louis**

1. UMSL received the Grant Award Summary from the Department of Education dated January 17, 2021.
2. The University of Missouri–St. Louis received \$2,915,113 in HEERF II emergency financial aid grants for students. All of this aid has been received by the institution and awarded to UMSL students.
3. The entire \$2,915,113 million allocation was awarded to students in the form of emergency grants in amounts up to \$1,500. All funds were depleted as of May 18, 2021.
4. We had a total of 4,786 students who were enrolled at UMSL in Spring 2021 and eligible to receive Title IV aid. All students receiving HEERF II funds must meet the follow criteria:
  - Be enrolled in the Spring 21 term
  - Be a U.S. Citizen
  - Complete a HEERF II applicationPriority was given to students with financial need
5. There were 2,266 students awarded emergency financial aid grants at UMSL through the HEERF II Funding.
6. The emergency grants were awarded on a first-come, first-served basis at UMSL. The applicants were required to complete an online application, using Qualtrics, where they indicated one or more

reasons why they needed emergency financial assistance on the application. Amounts were determined by a student's EFC at the time of application based on the 2020-2021 FAFSA as noted in the chart below.

<b>EFC Range</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0-5711	\$ 1,500.00
5712-12000	\$ 1,000.00
Over 12,000 or not known	\$ 500.00

7. We requested students to complete the online application by sending an email to students on January 26, 2021. Students with the lowest EFC were sent the messages first to give them priority. Approximately one day later a message was sent campus-wide and the application link was posted to our website for anyone to apply.

## Sample Email Notification Sent to Students about HEERF II Funding

Hello sample data,

In a continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress has allocated additional funds to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for institutions to provide emergency grants to their students. UMSL, just as we did before, is working hard to get these funds to our students in a quick and timely manner. Below is some information regarding our process followed by a link to the application.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester
- Per the guidelines of the HEERF program students cannot be International, Undocumented, or DACA students. If a 2020/2021 FAFSA was not complete additional citizenship verification will be required.
- Complete the HEERF II Emergency Grant application

### Award Amounts:

Grant amounts will be determined based on a student's need determined by the 2020/2021 FAFSA. If you did not complete a 2020/2021 FAFSA you will be awarded the lowest tiered grant amount.

Students will have the option to identify whether they want the emergency grant to go towards their current bill with the University. If this option is selected the grant will be applied directly to the balance on your student account. If it is not selected then the emergency grant will be refunded directly to the student via direct deposit. Directions on how to set up direct deposit can be [found here](#). If direct deposit is not set up, you will receive a check in the mail, so please ensure your mailing address is correct/updated in MyView.

You can access the application by clicking on the following link:

[UMSL HEERF Emergency Grant Application](#)

Applications will be processed in the order received until funding has been depleted.

Sincerely,  
UMSL Student Financial Services

**Below link was created on our website for information related to HEERF Funding**

**<https://www.umsl.edu/sfs/scholarships-grants/heerf-emergency-grant.html>**

# **Cares Act (HEERF III) Information for the University of Missouri in St. Louis**

1. UMSL received the Grant Award Summary from the Department of Education dated May 24, 2021.
2. The University of Missouri–St. Louis received \$10,821,309 in HEERF III emergency financial aid grants for students. All of this aid has been received by the institution and awarded to UMSL students.
3. The entire \$10,821,309 million allocation was awarded to students in the form of emergency grants in amounts up to \$2,500 a semester in both Fall and Spring. All funds were depleted as of March 16, 2022.
4. We had a total of 6,365 students who were enrolled at UMSL in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 and eligible to receive Title IV aid.

All students receiving HEERF III funds must meet the follow criteria:

1. Be enrolled in the term of the award
2. Complete a HEERF III application
3. Priority was given to students with financial need and issues in two phases.
  - Phase 1 – Complete disbursement of approximately 50% of the total student funds (\$10,821,309) for student enrolled in fall.

- Phase 2 – Complete disbursement of remaining funds for students enrolled in the spring in a separate application process.
4. There were 3,279 students awarded emergency financial aid grants at UMSL through the HEERF III Funding in the fall and 3,608 for the Spring. (4,586 unique students)
  5. The emergency grants were awarded on a first-come, first-served basis at UMSL. The applicants were required to complete an online application, using Qualtrics, where they indicated one or more reasons why they needed emergency financial assistance on the application. Amounts were determined by a student’s EFC at the time of application based on the 2021-2022 FAFSA as noted in the chart below.

<b>EFC Range</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0	\$ 2,500.00
12,000 or Less	\$ 1,500.00
Over 12,000 or not known	\$ 500.00

6. We requested students to complete the online application by sending an email initially to students on August 26, 2021 for Fall and December 22, 2021 for Spring. Students with the lowest EFC were sent the messages first to give them priority. Campus-wide messages were sent days later and the application link was posted to our website for anyone to apply.

**Below link was created on our website for information related to HEERF Funding**

**<https://www.umsl.edu/sfs/scholarships-grants/heerf-emergency-grant.html>**

## Sample Email Notification Sent to Students about HEERF III Funding

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This message was sent on behalf of Student Financial Services. Please contact 314-516-5151 with any questions.



In a continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress has allocated additional funds to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for institutions to provide emergency grants to their students. UMSL is working hard to get these funds to our students in a quick and timely manner. Below is some information regarding our process followed by a link to the application.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester
- Complete the HEERF III Emergency Grant application

### **Award Amounts:**

Grant amounts will be determined based on a student's need determined by the 2021/2022 FAFSA. If you did not complete a 2021/2022 FAFSA you will be awarded the lowest tiered grant amount.

Students will have the option to identify whether they want the emergency grant to go towards their current bill with the University. If this option is selected, the grant will be applied directly to the balance on your student account. If it is not selected, the emergency grant will be refunded directly to the student via direct deposit. Directions on how to set up direct deposit can be [found here](#). If direct deposit is not set up, you will receive a check in the mail, so please ensure your mailing address is correct/updated in MyView.

You can access the application by clicking on the following link.

[UMSL HEERF Emergency Grant Application](#)

Applications will be processed in the order received until funding has been depleted.

Sincerely,

UMSL Student Financial Services

# **Cares Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Strengthening Institution Program Fund (SIP) Information for the University of Missouri in St. Louis**

Our Strengthening Institution Program Funds were used to help students who were financially impacted by the pandemic and had a prior balance preventing enrollment in the upcoming semester. Awards were made up to the amount of Pell grant. Students did not have to be Title IV eligible to receive a grant. These were identified as students reached out for assistance. These funds went directly to cover their balance and not refunded to students, unless they received more than the amount of charges on their account.

# **Cares Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Quarterly Update for the University of Missouri in St. Louis**

Total HEERF Disbursement for June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

Date	Unique Student Count	Total Disbursement Amount
As of June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021	3,118	\$6,125,558.00
Total	3,118	\$6,125,558.00