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Connecticut State Colleges and Universities:

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”). Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants 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). On April 9, 2020, the Department published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including a [letter](#) from Secretary Betsy DeVos, a form [Certification and Agreement](#) for signing and returning by institutions to access the funds, and a list of [institutional allocations under 18004\(a\)\(1\)](#).

This document provides reporting as required by Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act, and updates the “30-day Fund Report” issued on May 27, 2020 to the Secretary of Education, for the following institutions:

Western Connecticut State University 00138000

1. Western Connecticut State University 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.
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: \$2,128,197. A 2nd Installment (HEERF II) for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students also totaled \$2,128,197. A 3rd installment (HEERF III) for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students totals \$6,301,658 which will be awarded beginning mid-October 2021.
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): \$4,256,394 (Includes CARES and HEERF II). There will be a disbursement of HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants totaling \$3,150,086 scheduled for mid-October 2021.

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 and HEERF II: 7,740 (CARES 3,371 and HEERF II 4,369). The HEERF III mid-October 2021 disbursement will have an additional 4,553 students.

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 and HEERF II: 7,740 (CARES 3,371 and HEERF II 4,369). The HEERF III mid-October 2021 disbursement will have an additional 4,553 students.

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.

CARES Act: Each eligible student received a grant in the following amounts: All students with a Spring 20 FAFSA on file are eligible. Full Time Non-Pell eligible = \$500. Full Time Pell eligible = \$700 (40% more). Part Time Non-Pell eligible = \$30 per credit. Part Time Pell eligible = \$42 per credit (40% more)

HEERF II: Matriculated students Spring 2021 (excluding students over 62 years of age who benefit from free tuition, State employees who benefit from waivers, and undocumented students). Full Time Non-Pell eligible = \$555. Full Time Pell eligible = \$805 (approx.45% more). Part Time Non-Pell eligible = \$35.50 per credit. Part Time Pell eligible = \$53.25 per credit (approx.50% more)

HEERF III: Matriculated students Fall 2021 scheduled for mid-October 2021(excluding State employees and dependents who benefit from waivers). Full Time Non-Pell eligible = \$700. Full Time Pell eligible = \$986 (approx.41% more). Part Time Non-Pell eligible = \$56 per credit. Part Time Pell eligible = \$80 per credit (approx.43% more)

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

WCSU posted the following information on their website:

<https://www.wcsu.edu/finaid/faq-cares-act/>

Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act Sections 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion, 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3), if applicable				
HEERF II				
Institution Name: Western Connecticut State University				
Date of Report: 10/01/21				
Covering Quarter Ending: 9/30/21				
Total Amount of Funds Awarded: Section (a)(1)				
Institutional Portion: 13,429,929				
Section (a)(2): 0				
Section (a)(3): 0				
Final Report? N				
Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Providing emergency financial aid grants to students or tuition reimbursements				
Providing tuition discounts				
Covering the cost of providing additional technological hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets				
Providing or subsidizing the costs of highspeed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment				
Subsidizing off-campus housing costs due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions. Subsidizing food services to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing.				
Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations				
Purchasing additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a single class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses.				
Replacing lost revenue due to reduced enrollment				
Replacing lost revenue from non-tuition sources (i.e., cancelled ancillary events; disruption of food service, dorms, childcare or other facilities; cancellation of use of campus venues by other organizations, lost parking revenue, etc.)				
Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction				
Purchasing additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc.				
Campus Safety and operations				
				HEERF III student will be awarded in mid October 2021. Institutional portion will be recognized as lost revenue at that time
Other Uses of Funds	0			
Quarterly Expenditures for each Program	0			
Total of Quarterly Expenditures	0			

