Title: CARES Act Funding Report

Report Name: 45 – Day Fund Report

Report Date: July 24, 2020

Application Date: May 1, 2020

Funds Obligated: May 10, 2020

Funds Drawdown: May 14, 2020

More Information: CARES ACT: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund


OVERVIEW:

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport (LSUHSC-S) established a Student Emergency Assistance Grant to assist students through federal funds provided under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The CARES Act, which establishes and provides funding for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), has enabled institutions of higher education to use allocated funds to provide direct assistance to students for expenses related to the impact of coronavirus.

LSUHSC-S has been allocated $158,496 to disburse directly to eligible students.

CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT:

LSUHSC-S signed and then submitted the Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education (DOE) on May 1, 2020. The institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED:

LSUHSC-S drew down $158,496 from DOE on May 14, 2020 pursuant to the institution’s Certificate and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid for Students.
FUNDS DISTRIBUTED:
As of July 24, 2020, LSUHSC-S has distributed all funds to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:
LSUHSC-S determined eligible students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act through the application process outlined below.

STUDENTS RECEIVING FUNDS:
As of July 24, 2020, LSUHSC-S has distributed all funds to 130 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY & AMOUNT OF AWARD:

Dear Students,

LSU Health Shreveport has recently applied for funding through the CARES Act to assist our students with allowable expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act establishes and funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to address financial needs of students due to the disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus. Click on the link below to access the online request form and to view a detailed Q&A:

https://inside.lsuhs.edu/Departments/StudentFinancialServices/Pages/default.aspx?PageAction=View&ObjectId=167112

The following is a summary of student eligibility requirements and the application/disbursement process:

1. Students must meet the general eligibility criteria for federal Title IV student aid.
2. Allowable expenses include:
   a. additional technology or course materials costs for remote learning;
   b. additional related living expenses; and
   c. additional related personal expenses.
3. Emergency relief fund award is a non-need grant and will not impact current or future federal student aid awards.
4. Funding is limited. Therefore, LSU Health Shreveport will give priority to students who:
   a. had a valid 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file at LSU Health Shreveport and met general federal Title IV student aid requirements and
   b. were enrolled at LSU Health Shreveport for at least half-time status during the Spring Semester and will continue enrollment at the Summer 2020 or Fall 2020 terms.
5. Awards will be made on a case-by-case basis. Award amounts will vary.
6. Funds will be disbursed in the same manner as other financial aid. The awards will be added to the student’s account and will pass through the Bursar’s Office to your BankMobile account.

CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for COVID-19

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How do I apply for assistance through the CARE Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant fund?

If you wish to apply for emergency grant funding, please complete the online application. You can access the form by clicking the following link:

CARE Act Emergency Funds Request Form
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
CARES Act Emergency Funds Request

Student Name
First Name
Last Name

Student ID Number
Academic Program

Select the expenses for which you are seeking funds:
- Living Expenses
- Personal/Health and Child Care
- Technology and Course Materials

Provide a brief statement explaining the nature of the expense(s) that you incurred. Documentation may be required.

Certification
I certify that I incurred the expenses noted above as a result of disruption of campus operations at LSU Health Shreveport caused by COVID-19 and request emergency student grant funding to help defray these expenses.

Signature

Date *
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All applications are reviewed by the Cares Act Committee and approved based on COVID related expenses as outlined on the website.

CONCLUSION:

This report documents the status of CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Student Funds (HEERF) as of July 24, 2020. Additional reports will be posted on LSUHSC-S website every 45 days.