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CARES ACT FUNDING Update

Board of Trustees-CARL Committee

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CARES Act Funding: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

Total Funding	\$9,283,941
Total Spent as of 09/11/2020	\$8,813,700 (95%)
Remaining Balance	\$470,241 (5%)



Student Breakdown	
Undergraduates Funded	\$8,130,900 (88%)
Graduates Funded	\$682,800 (12%)



Guiding Principles

- I. Distribute funds to students with the most significant need, in keeping with the goals of the legislation.
- II. Minimize delays in distribution.
- III. Implement a simple application with ease of navigation for our students.
- IV. Distribute funds as widely as possible to students in need, including those who meet Title IV criteria but may not have completed a FAFSA application.
- V. Develop award notification communication that encourages students to enroll for the fall semester.



Distribution of Funding

Method 1: Awarded block grants to students with outstanding spring term balances.



Amount Disbursed
\$682,700

- Grants ranged between \$500-\$1500 depending upon the balance.
- 997 undergraduates awarded, 75 graduates awarded



Distribution of Funding

Method 2: Awarded block grants to students who withdrew from one or more Spring 2020 courses.



Amount Disbursed
\$717,700

- Advisors did outreach to students who withdrew from spring courses and offered them \$1,000 block grants and encouraged them to enroll in summer courses to stay on track toward graduation.
- 885 undergraduates awarded



Distribution of Funding

Method 3: Awarded block grants to students with the most significant financial need.

Category	Amount Disbursed	Recipients Awarded
Students with Zero EFC*	\$3,884,400	3,177 UG 75 GR
Students who were Pell-eligible	\$1,467,100	2,723 UG 212 GR
Students with EFC* of less than \$15,000	\$579,800	1,007 UG 149 GR

*EFC=Estimated Family Contribution as calculated per the FAFSA process. Block grants range \$500-\$1200.



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Distribution of Funding

Method 4: Application-Based Emergency Funding

- Students were able to self-identify their need for funding by completing an emergency aid application. Applications were reviewed and students were provided block grants.



Amount Disbursed
\$1,376,600

- 2,169 UG Awarded
- 159 GR Awarded



Distribution of Funding

Method 5: Study Abroad Funding

- Awarded block grants to students participating in study abroad programs in Spring 2020 that were required to return to the U.S. unexpectedly. Students incurred costs from the unanticipated change.
- 117 undergraduate students were awarded grants.



Amount Disbursed
\$105,000

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