

CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Initial Funding Report May 22, 2020

Each institution applying for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) funds is directed to comply with Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) and submit an initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”) to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to the Department. Clarion University’s ‘30-Day Fund Report’ information follows:

1. Clarion University signed and returned to the Department of Education the executed “Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act” on April 14, 2020. The University 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 for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.
2. The University received notice on April 24, 2020 that it had received an award of \$1,612,138 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. Clarion adopted a block grant approach to disburse the funds to its eligible students.
4. As of May 12, 2020, 2,841 students enrolled in the 2019-2020 Spring semester were identified as potentially eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. This included both students who had and had not yet filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA.
5. As of May 12, 2020, 2,582 students enrolled in the 2019-2020 Spring semester filed a FAFSA and were identified as eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to immediately receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. As of May 12, 2020, 259 students enrolled in the 2019-2020 Spring semester did not file a FAFSA and are potentially eligible. The University instructed these students to complete a FAFSA by June 15, 2020 for eligibility determination if they wished to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
7. After verifying student Title IV eligibility and establishing effective means for distribution, on May 14, 2020, Clarion sent an email to all students, and posted a notification in the news section of our university website notifying the campus community of the available funding. The release may be found at <https://www.clarion.edu/news/2020/may/CARES-Act-aids-Clarion-University-students.html>. A copy of the letter sent to students was added to the Student Financial

Services webpage devoted to COVID-19 Updates at <https://www.clarion.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/covid-19-student-financial-services-updates.html>.

8. As of May 20, 2020, 2,582 students have received a \$550 Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. As FAFSAs are received and reviewed, funds will be disbursed weekly to eligible students.
9. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 22, 2020, is \$1,420,100.