

**Franklin & Marshall College Quarterly Report**  
**Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations**  
**Act (HEERF II)**  
Report through June 30, 2021

On December 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CRRSAA Act (Public Law 116-260), which provides additional emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. These funds are in addition to those provided in spring 2020 through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, also known as HEERF I.

This report provides further details on the award Franklin & Marshall received under HEERF II, specifically, the funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Award No. P425E203420-20A, consistent with the reporting requirements issued by the Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education.

In distributing these funds, the College has followed, and will follow, the instructions and guidance provided by the CRRSAA Act, the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, and the Certification and Agreement completed by the College. The current guidance and instructions provide institutions with discretion to develop its own system and process for determining how to allocate these funds, subject to certain limitations on student eligibility and expense eligibility. Information on that process is provided below, as is a link for further information.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Franklin & Marshall signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 10, 2020 for CARES Act funds.

#### **AWARD**

Franklin & Marshall received a total of \$2,412,793 under the CRRSAA. At least \$846,061 must be distributed directly to students impacted by campus disruptions due to the Coronavirus.

#### **FUNDS DISTRIBUTED**

The disbursement of grants took place during the period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, and by the end of this period, the entire required amount of \$846,061 had been distributed to 1172 students in accordance with the CRRSAA guidelines.

#### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

Franklin & Marshall has an estimate of 1934 students 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 the CRRSAA.

## **METHOD USED TO DETERMINE STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY**

These funds were disbursed in two phases. In the first, from eligible students we determined a subset of students that met the requirement that preference be given to students with exceptional financial need. Students meeting this requirement received a grant between \$400 and \$1200, depending on whether they were a Pell Grant recipient and on whether they were studying on campus or remotely.

In the second phase, those students receiving grants in the first phase were invited to apply for additional funds for exceptional circumstances to meet eligible expenses not covered by their phase 1 grant. An application was required for consideration for these funds, and the maximum award again varied by whether or not the individual was a Pell Grant recipient. The maximum award for a Pell Grant recipient was \$3000, with the maximum award for eligible students not receiving a Pell Grant was \$1500.

Eligible expenses were, as before, “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, healthcare, and child-care expenses).”

The total allocation of funds for student awards under CRRSAA, \$846,061, was awarded in these two phases within this quarter ending June 30, 2021. Some additional funds from the American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) were also used.

## **INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO STUDENTS**

Instructions, directions, guidance and the application provided to students were disseminated in the context of an application form.

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