

Hope International University CRRSAA Act / HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants

On December 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the Coronavirus, Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021. This Act provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II), found in Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act, allows higher education institutions to use certain funds allocated by the Department of Education to support students and higher education institutions with expenses and financial needs related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The following information is provided by Hope International University as required by the Department of Education (“ED”) in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the CRRSAA Act.

As directed by the U.S. Department of Education (“ED”), institutions receiving HEERF funds must publicly report the following information 30 days after receipt of funds and every calendar quarter thereafter, ending with the date on which all funds are expended:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution has used, or intends to use, the same amount of HEERF II funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as offered to students for HEERF I under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Institutions who received HEERF I Grant funds under the CARES Act were not required to submit an application for the HEERF II Grant. Hope International University received its HEERF II Grant award notification on January 17, 2021. In keeping with the terms of acceptance of these funds, Hope International University will use no less than \$340,928, as stated under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department of Education pursuant for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act.

Hope International University has received a total of \$1,229,636 under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act, of which no less than \$340,928 will be provided directly to students with expenses related to the COVID-19 crisis.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every quarter thereafter).

Hope International University has distributed \$223,950 directly to students as of March 31, 2021.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act.

Hope International University estimates 986 students were eligible to receive HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants for distributions made through March 31, 2021.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act.

Hope International University has distributed HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 514 students as of March 31, 2021.

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 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act.

Hope International University is committed to using the CRRSAA funds, within the parameters set by the U.S. Department of Education, to prioritize students with exceptional needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible. Accordingly, CRRSAA emergency financial aid grants to students enrolled for the Spring 2021 Semester will be automatically disbursed as follows:

- \$750 Degree seeking students who received a federal Pell Grant and were enrolled full time.
- \$450 Degree seeking students who received a federal Pell Grant and were enrolled less than full time.
- \$250 Other full-time degree-seeking students who were eligible to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, whether they did so or not.
- \$125 Other less than full-time degree-seeking students who were eligible to File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, whether they did so or not.

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

Hope International University notified eligible students about the availability of Emergency Financial Aid Grants via the following email from the University's president on March 24, 2021.

[Copy of initial email notification to students]:

March 24, 2021

Dear HIU Students,

I'm happy to share this good news that will affect many of you. Take time to read the rest of the email.

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law and established a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II). Hope International University has received \$340,928 in HEERF II funds to directly support students who have demonstrated need and are facing financial challenges because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with the CRRSAA, emergency financial aid grants will be provided to eligible students enrolled in the Spring 2021 Semester to help cover expenses related to the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. The emergency financial aid grants aren't required to be repaid and are nontaxable.

Hope International University is committed to using the CRRSAA funds, within the parameters set by the U.S. Department of Education, to prioritize students with exceptional needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible. HEERF II emergency financial aid grants are expected to be disbursed by April 30, 2021. Eligible students will be notified by Student Financial Services when the funds will be disbursed.

Please visit bit.ly/HIU-CRRSAA for more information, including emergency financial aid grant amounts and eligibility requirements. Follow up questions should be directed to Student Financial Services.

As the pandemic slowly took over our nation and the world, you Royals dug deep with a remarkable resolve. I'm so proud of our community. I pray for you daily and can't wait to see you again soon.

In Him,

Dr. Paul Alexander