Baylor University has received additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II) through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on Dec. 27, 2020. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund I (HEERF I) was initially established by the CARES Act, which was passed by Congress and signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020.

The following are responses provided to comply with the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) reporting and disclosure requirements. The latest review of these disclosures was completed June 23, 2021. There were no revisions needed.

The total amount of funding that you will receive or have received under Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II) through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021

- Baylor was approved to draw $5,388,745.

The total amount of grants distributed to students under HEERF II as of the date of your submission/posting:

- Baylor has awarded and paid $5,686,000.

Estimated total # of students at your institution potentially eligible to receive funds from HEERF II in the 2020-2021 academic year:

- Baylor had approximately 7,837 students for Spring 2021 who were eligible.

The total number of students that have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant from HEERF II funds:

- Baylor has awarded 2843 students HEERF II funds.

The method(s) your institution used to determine which students receive grants, and how much they would receive.

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), recently signed into law provides an additional $22.7 billion to for supplements and new grants to assist public and private nonprofit colleges and universities in responding to coronavirus. On January 14, the Department of Education issued allocation notices to institutions of higher education which can be found at this link: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/314a1allocationtableheerfii.pdf

- Baylor University’s total allocation is $15,704,656 of which at least $5,388,745 must be awarded as emergency financial aid grants directly to students.
Initial Selection Criteria

Undergraduate students, excluding those seeking a Post Baccalaureate degree who:
- Are currently enrolled in Spring 2021 term for 12 or more hours,
- Are eligible for federal financial aid as demonstrated by FAFSA submission
- Have a FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that is equal to or less than $13,100.
- Are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.

Disbursement
- Payments will begin upon receipt of funding from the Department of Education’s G5 system.
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) awards will be reflected on student accounts for the Spring 2021 term.
- Payments will be issued via ACH direct deposit. If students do not have direct deposit set up, Student Financial Accounts will issue a paper check to be delivered to the student’s home address.

Secondary Selection Criteria

If needed, the secondary selection criteria will be utilized until the entire $5,388,745 is disbursed.

Undergraduate students, excluding those seeking a Post Baccalaureate degree who:
- Are currently enrolled in Spring 2021 term for 12 or more hours,
- Are eligible for federal financial aid as demonstrated by FAFSA submission
- Have a FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that is greater than $13,100.
- Are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.

Disbursement
- Criteria for disbursement is the same as outlined under the intial selection criteria disbursements.

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

- Students who met the selection criteria were sent a “Funded Letter.” Copies of the letter can be found here.