

Black Hills State University

CARES Act /HEERF 30-Day Fund Report

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Web Content Required for CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds – Emergency Grants to Students. This report describes the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

Each institution applying for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds is required to comply with Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and must post the information listed below on the institution’s primary website, in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public, 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. Black Hills State University has signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and gives assurance that the institution has used, or 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.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students: **\$757,487**
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter):
As of May 22, 2020, \$289,100 has been distributed to students.
As of July 1, 2020, \$350,050 has been distributed to students.
As of August 13, 2020, \$640,950 has been distributed to students.
As of September 24, 2020, \$757,487 has been distributed to students.
As of November 5, 2020, \$757,487 has been distributed to students.
As of December 16, 2020, \$757,487 has been distributed to students.
As of January 26, 2021, \$757,487 has been distributed to students.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act: **1,565 students met the initial eligibility criteria as of July 1, 2020. The University estimates over 1,600 students are currently eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in the Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.**
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:
 - **As of May 22, 2020, 586 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**
 - **As of July 1, 2020, 704 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**
 - **As of August 13, 2020, 1,011 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant**

- under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - As of September 24, 2020, 1,159 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - As of November 5, 2020, 1,159 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - As of December 16, 2020, 1,159 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - As of January 26, 2021, 1,159 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
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 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:
The neediest students were determined by those with an EFC of \$8,000 or less, unmet need greater than \$250, and enrolled at least half-time. This group was sent an email indicating possible eligibility for these funds and a link to the application. A separate notice was put in the Campus e-update notifying the general student population that these funds were available and an application (link included) would need to be submitted to verify eligibility for an award. A pre-determined award amount based on enrollment status and if the student has a child was awarded with the maximum award being \$700 so the most possible students could be helped.
- For Fall 2020 CARES Act awards, an email notice was sent to over 1,600 students that were potentially eligible for an award; a link to the application was provided. A pre-determined amount based on enrollment status and if the student has a child was awarded with the maximum award being \$1,200.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:
Students were notified, via email or e-campus update, that funding was available, and an application (online form) had to be submitted to verify eligibility and receive an award. Students that were not awarded received an email indicating why they weren't eligible for the funds.