

# University of Rochester CARES Act Emergency Grants for Students Report

## Quarterly Report

September, 2020

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (the “Act”) was signed into law on March 27, 2020. Section 18004 of the Act created the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) for distribution to colleges and universities, intended to help offset costs to students and institutions resulting from campus disruptions due to the Coronavirus. This report is required by Section 18004(e) of the Act and is published here pursuant to the guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

As required by Section 18004(c) of the Act, the University intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The University of Rochester signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students under the Act on April 27, 2020.

The University received \$3,005,849 – 50% of its total HEERF allocation -- on May 6, 2020. This funding has been allocated among The College of Arts, Science & Engineering, Eastman School of Music, and the School of Medicine and Dentistry. Each school will distribute its funding allocation based on the unique needs of its student population. The allocations among schools and to various groups of students are described below.

As of the date of this report, 9/6/20, all \$3,005,849 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to students under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act.

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, is 4,442.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act as of the date of this report is 4,442.

The methods used by the University of Rochester to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act are described here by school.

### **The College of Arts, Science, and Engineering - \$2,219,223.08**

The estimated total number of students at The College of Arts, Science, and Engineering 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, is:

- Graduate Students: 577
- Undergraduate Students: 3,033

The total number of students at The College of Arts, Science, and Engineering who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act is:

- Graduate Students: 577
- Undergraduate Students: 3,033

The method of allocation by the College of Arts, Science and Engineering is as follows:

- Summer 2020 Room and Board for students unable to return home due to COVID-19. Awards were based on level of financial need using the students' 2019-20 FAFSA as follows:
  - High need (> \$60,000) – 100% of costs covered.
  - Medium need (\$30,000-\$59,000) 60% of costs covered.
  - Low need (< \$30,000) 30% of costs covered.
- Storage and packing costs of personal property belonging to students unable to pick up their belongings after spring break when residence halls were closed.
- Laptops provided to high-need students for a summer academic program that was moved from in-person to online.
- General distribution in equal payments to all remaining eligible students.

#### **Eastman School of Music - \$546,157.92**

The estimated total number of students at Eastman School of Music 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 is:

- Graduate Students: 151
- Undergraduate Students: 322

The total number of students at Eastman School of Music who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act.

- Graduate Students: 151
- Undergraduate Students: 322

The method of allocation by the Eastman School of Music is as follows:

- General distribution in equal payments to all eligible students.

#### **School of Medicine and Dentistry - \$240,468**

The estimated total number of students at the School of Medicine and Dentistry 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 is:

- MD Students: 324
- Graduate Students: 35

The total number of students at the School of Medicine and Dentistry who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act is:

- MD Students: 324
- Graduate Students: 35

The method of allocation by the School of Medicine and Dentistry is as follows:

- **MD Class of 2020** – Graduating MD students will receive funds due to the disruption brought about by being forced to graduate early. This could include moving costs, loss of lease deposits, re-scheduled travel/relocation costs, losses due to canceled away rotations, etc.
  - Students with Need-based SMD funds - \$1,000 award
  - Students without Need-Based SMD funds - \$750 award
- **MD Class of 2021** – Rising 4<sup>th</sup> year MD students are starting 3 weeks later than planned due to schedule changes caused by COVID-19. However, they would still have rent, grocery, utility, etc. expenses in that 3 weeks.
  - Students with Need-based SMD funds - \$1,000 award
  - Students without Need-Based SMD funds - \$750 award
- **MD Class of 2022** – MD Students in the pre-clinical years faced drastic campus disruptions due to coronavirus when forced to complete coursework remotely. Students in the Class of 2022 may have incurred additional expenses related to such items as food, housing, course materials, technology and health care.
  - Students with Need-based SMD funds - \$600 award
  - Students without Need-Based SMD funds - \$400 award
- **MD Class of 2023** – MD Students in the pre-clinical years faced drastic campus disruptions due to coronavirus when forced to complete coursework remotely. Students in the Class of 2023 may have incurred additional expenses related to such items as food, housing, course materials, technology and health care.
  - Students with Need-based SMD funds - \$600 award
  - Students without Need-Based SMD funds - \$400 award
- **MD Research Fellows** – MD students completing a yearlong research fellowship will receive funding due to disruption of campus operations or medical education research facility operations, due to coronavirus. Students could have experienced additional expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology and health care, relocation, short-notice travel, etc.
  - All eligible students will receive \$500
- **Summer 2020 Research Students** – Students that lost their research position due to COVID-19, but still will have expenses such as rent, grocery, utility, etc. expenses during their planned research position time frame.
  - All eligible students get an award of up to \$2,400

- **Graduate Students (Including eligible EIOH students enrolled in a graduate program)** – Graduate students faced drastic campus disruptions due to coronavirus when forced to complete coursework remotely. Students in our graduate programs may have incurred additional expenses related to such items as food, housing, course materials, technology and health care.
  - Students with a \$0 EFC - \$600 award
  - Students with an EFC greater than \$0 - \$400 award

Instructions/guidance provided to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants

Checks were distributed directly to students through the accounts payable office at the University.

Included with the check was a letter of explanation signed by President Sarah Mangelsdorf and a Q&A regarding permitted uses of the CARES Act funds.