

**University of Rochester**  
**Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)**  
**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II**  
**30-Day Report**  
**June 12, 2021**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law on December 27, 2020. Section 314 of the Act created a second Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF II”) 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 314(e) of the Act and is published here pursuant to the guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

As required by Section 314(a)(1) of the Act, the University intends the same amount in financial aid grants to students as received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the original CARES Act, \$3,005,849. 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 on January 18, 2021. 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, 6/12/21, \$1,157,982 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA/HEERF II.

The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is 5,500.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA/HEERF II as of the date of this report is 724.

The methods used by the University of Rochester to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA/HEERF II are described here by school. All schools prioritized students with financial need in the awarding process. Continued or future enrollment was not a condition for the receipt of an award and students were provided the option to apply funds directly to their student account through an electronic, affirmative consent.

**The College of Arts, Science, and Engineering - \$2,254,387**

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 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA/HEERF II is:

- Graduate Students: 17
- Undergraduate Students: 550

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

In order to be eligible for CRRSAA/HEERF II funding, students must have completed a financial aid application. Award amounts were determined based on prioritizing financial need as a criteria.

- Summer 2021 Room and Board for students unable to return home due to COVID-19. Awards were based on level of financial need using the students' 2020-21 financial aid application as follows:
  - High need (> \$60,000) – 95% of costs covered.
  - Medium need (\$30,000-\$59,000) 60% of costs covered.
  - Low need (< \$30,000) 30% of costs covered.
- Spring 2021 Quarantine costs for students returning to campus. Awards were based on level of financial need using the students' 2020-21 financial aid application as follows:
  - High need (> \$60,000) – 95% of costs covered.
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  - Low need (< \$30,000) 30% of costs covered.
- Funding to students experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19 through an application/appeal process.
- Assistance to eligible students in need via application to the Basic Needs Hub (BNH).
- Cover tuition for UR summer courses for eligible students in order to meet graduation and/or satisfactory academic progress expectations.
- Laptops provided to high-need students as a requirement for academic success.

**Eastman School of Music - \$510,994**

The total number of students at Eastman School of Music who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA/HEERF II is:

- Graduate Students: 41
- Undergraduate Students: 52

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

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

The total number of students at the School of Medicine and Dentistry who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA/HEERF II is:

- MD Students: 64

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

- **MD Class of 2021** – Graduating MD students will receive funds due to the disruption brought about by COVID-19. 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 and accepted/received federal loans - \$1,000 award
  - Students without Need-Based, and accepted/received federal loans - \$750 award

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

Students were provided with an online affirmation, requiring electronic signature, which included certification that:

- the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge,
- you agree to use HEERF II CRRSA Act Emergency fund for the expenses defined by CRRSAA/HEERF II section 314(a)(1),
- you understand that not all students who apply will be eligible for these funds.
- You have been awarded funds as an eligible student for the expenses noted including any component of your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. By dating the application, you are e-signing and affirming that you:
  - will use these funds for the purposes defined by the U.S. Department of Education,
  - acknowledge that award amounts may vary per student,
  - request the funds to be applied directly to your student billing account.

Students who did not want to apply funds to their student account were instructed to reach out to the financial aid counselor to arrange an alternative option.