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**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund** 

Institutional Higher Education Emergency Relief Reporting Quarterly Reporting through Sept. 30 Grant #P425F204764 (PDF) Quarterly Reporting through Dec. 31 Grant #P425F204764 (PDF) Quarterly Reporting through March 31 Grant #P425F204764 (PDF)

**Student Higher Education Emergency Relief Reporting** 

For the reports dated 2020-March 2021, please visit this link: 30-Day Fund Report – July 10, 2020; updated for the 45-Day Fund Report on August 24, 2020; updated for the Quarterly Report on October 10, 2020; updated for the Quarterly Report as of December 31, 2020; updated for the Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2021.

The initial HEERF report that includes CRRSAA and ARP appears below.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Pub. L. No. 116-260 (December 27, 2020), and American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP), Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) direct institutions receiving Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) to submit reports to the U.S. Secretary of Education describing the use of the funds.

As required by CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP, and in compliance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Education (the Department), Dartmouth College reports here its use of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The Department's May 13, 2021 notice in the Federal Register (86 Fed. Reg. 26213) identified seven topics on which each institution receiving funding must report. The Department's requirements appear enumerated in bold/italics below and Dartmouth's response appears immediately afterwards.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Dartmouth College acknowledges that it signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, funds received under CARES to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. By accepting additional

HEERF under CRRSAA and ARP, Dartmouth certified to the Department that it has used, or intends to use, the funds received 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 under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Dartmouth College received \$1,714,675 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CARES. Dartmouth College received \$857,338 from the Department for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRRSAA. Dartmouth College received \$4,412,662 from the Department for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under ARP.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of the date of this report, Dartmouth College has distributed \$2,214,650 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP.

Dartmouth has communicated with eligible students multiple times to ensure that they are aware of the availability of the funds and to answer questions about the distribution of the funds. Dartmouth will continue to communicate with eligible students, as appropriate.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Since the U.S. Department of Education expanded the student population eligible to receive HEERF, 6,292 Dartmouth students became eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the HEERF program.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

During the 2020/2021 academic year, Dartmouth College has disbursed Emergency Financial Aid Grants three times using HEERF from CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP:

Disbursement #1 = 963 students Disbursement #2 = 908 students Disbursement #3 = 1,007 students

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Students who completed a FAFSA, enrolled in the winter 2021 term, and had an estimated institutionally calculated parent contribution of \$30,000 or less received amounts on a sliding scale ranging from \$750 for each student with no parent contribution to \$200 for students with a parent contribution between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

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

a. Students eligible to receive the funds received communications from Dartmouth's Financial Aid Office that included the following information about the funds and how to access the funds:

You have qualified for Dartmouth COVID Emergency funding. The proposed award is \$[x]. Information about the funding is below. In order to receive the award amount, you must affirmatively accept this funding by logging into <u>DartHub</u>. After logging into <u>DartHub</u>, search for "COVID Funds" or go to the Finance and Accounts tile and click on the COVID Funds tile.

Who is eligible to receive emergency assistance funds? Eligibility will include students who were enrolled in the winter 2020 term. Grants will be based on a parent contribution as determined by the Financial Aid Office for the 2020-2021 academic year. Students with a parent contribution of less than, or equal to, \$30,000 will be offered a cash grant.

**How do students claim these funds?** To claim these funds, certify expenses you are incurring meet the criteria for receipt of a cash grant. Please provide a current mailing address in DartHub where funds can be sent if direct deposit is not an option.

After logging into <u>DartHub</u>, search for 'COVID Funds' or go to the Finances and Accounts tile and click on the COVID Funds tile.

How will the funds be processed? After you have certified through <u>DartHub</u>, the cash grant will be disbursed to your student account for the purpose of directly issuing the funds to you. Cash grants will not be applied against any existing balance due to the College. Students should make separate arrangements to resolve any outstanding balances on their Dartmouth student account. The cash grant will display on the student account as "COVID-Dartmouth Funds."

**How do I set up direct deposit?** Follow this link for instructions on setting up eRefund.

What are the tax implications of accepting these funds? Students may wish to review the Internal Revenue Service guidance available <a href="here">here</a>. Dartmouth cannot provide tax advice to students. Students should seek advice from a tax professional if they have questions. These funds may be subject to federal tax withholding.

b. After logging into DartHub, eligible students can view the following certification statement and instructions:

## **Certification Statement**

By claiming this emergency grant through the CARES Act Higher Education Relief Funds (HEERF), I acknowledge that I am incurring allowable expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus during my enrollment in the Winter 2021Term of at least, or in excess of, the amount received. Examples of allowable expenses include eligible expenses under my "cost of attendance," which is defined by the U.S. Department of Education to cover expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and transportation. I further acknowledge that these funds are not part of any federal student financial aid award I received for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

## **Instructions to Students**

What is the CARES Act? The CARES Act, which appropriated the funds for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF), provides students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (i.e., eligible for federal student financial aid), with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Grants will be distributed to College students with the greatest demonstrated financial need as determined through the 2020-2021 application for financial assistance.

What is the source of funding for these emergency grants? HEERF will be the funding source for students eligible for Title IV funds.

**Who is eligible to receive emergency assistance funds?** Eligibility will include students who are enrolled in the Winter 2021 Term. Grants will be based on a Parent Contribution as determined by the Financial Aid Office for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Students with a Parent Contribution of less than, or equal to \$30,000 will be offered a cash grant.

How do students claim these funds? To claim these funds, certify below expenses you are incurring that meet the criteria for receipt of a cash grant and to provide a current mailing address for funds to be sent if direct deposit is not an option.

How will the funds be processed? These cash grants will be posted to the student account for the purpose of directly issuing the funds. Cash grants will not be applied against any existing balance due to the College. Students should make separate arrangements to resolve any outstanding balances on their Dartmouth student account to avoid future consequences. The cash grant will display on the student account as "Cares Act Funds".

**How do I set up Direct Deposit?** Follow this link for E-Refund set up instructions: <a href="https://www.dartmouth.edu/finance/documents/tuition\_payments\_tab\_documents/e-refund\_setup.pdf">https://www.dartmouth.edu/finance/documents/tuition\_payments\_tab\_documents/e-refund\_setup.pdf</a>

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I agree that by clicking the "Accept" button I have provided an electronic signature that signifies my intent to agree to the Certification above. Dartmouth may consider my electronic execution and delivery of this document to be valid, binding and effective for all purposes.