



PONTIFICAL JOHN PAUL II INSTITUTE
FOR STUDIES ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

CARES Act Funds

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Available as Financial Aid Grants to Students

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The John Paul II Institute received education stabilization funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law No: 116-136. This Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students. The report will also document the allocation of the institutional portion of funds received since the majority of the monies were disbursed to students.

We are grateful to the government for making these exceptional federal funds available for eligible students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic and has distributed these funds in accordance with the CARES Act and implementing guidance. In compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s (“Department”) Electronic Announcement of May 6, 2020, the Institute is making public the information on the federal funds it has received.

The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The institution has used 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.

The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$79,611.00. 84% of funds received, totalling \$66,554.00, were allocated to students. \$13,057.00 was spent on institutional supplies for cleaning, technological services, and laptops for student use. Below is a summary, by quarter, of the funds received and how they were allocated.

2nd Quarter 2020

Student Portion – P425E203651

On May 26, 2020, the Institute was authorized \$6,111.00 for HEERF student emergency aid. All \$6,111.00 was disbursed to students.

Institutional Portion – P425F203640

On June 2, 2020, the Institute was authorized \$6,110.00 for HEERF institutional emergency aid. \$2,110.00 of this amount was used for institutional purposes, and the remaining \$4,000.00 was disbursed to students.

In the 2nd quarter of 2020, the Institute spent \$2,110.00 of the Institutional portion: \$31.00 on cleaning supplies, and \$2,079.00 on technological services.

3rd Quarter 2020

Institutional Portion – P425N200775

On August 31, 2020, the Institute was authorized \$12,000.00 for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund FIPSE. \$6,000.00 was disbursed to students and \$6,000.00 was used for institutional purposes.

In the 3rd quarter the Institute spent \$1,559.00 on cleaning supplies and signage, and \$2,075.00 on technological services.

4th Quarter 2020

In the 4th quarter the Institute spent \$281.00 on technological services and \$2,085.00 on laptops for use by students.

2020 Summary

\$16,111.00 disbursed to students

\$8,110.00 institutional use

The John Paul II Institute was granted an additional disbursement of funds in 2021 through HEERF appropriated under the American Rescue Plan.

4th Quarter 2021

Student Portion – P425E203651

On November 5, 2021, the Institute was authorized \$24,095.00 for HEERF student emergency aid. All \$24,095.00 was disbursed to students.

Institutional Portion – P425F203640

On November 5, 2021, the Institute was authorized \$31,295.00 for HEERF Institutional emergency aid. \$26,348.00 was disbursed to students, and \$4,947.00 was spent on institutional use.

2021 Summary

\$55,390.00 authorized to the Institute.

\$50,443.00 disbursed to students.

\$4,947.00 used for institutional needs.

The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is \$16,111.00 The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under the American Rescue Plan is \$50,443.00. Total aid to students through both acts is \$66,554.00.

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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of the date of this Fund Report is 45.

- Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant is under 10.

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 under the American Rescue Plan is 53.

- Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the American Rescue plan is 14.

The methods 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 and the American Rescue Plan are provided at Appendix A below.

Guidance provided by the institution to students concerning appropriate use of emergency financial aid grants are provided at Appendix B below.

For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact us.

Appendix A

Cares Act Funding Eligibility Requirements

Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated this portion of eligibility. Students who have not filed a FAFSA must do so by September 30, 2020, to be eligible for a John Paul II CARES Act grant; this application may be submitted to information@johnpaulii.edu. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male and under 25 years); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.

Students who are receiving military benefits to pay for their education do not need to complete the FAFSA to be eligible for the emergency funds.

Student Status

A student must have been enrolled as a full-time or part-time degree-seeking student in residence (not enrolled 100% online or distance) on August 24, 2020, to receive CARES Act Grant Aid.

American Rescue Plan Eligibility Requirements

All degree seeking students are eligible and invited to participate.

Appendix B

Guidance Concerning Use of CARES Act Funds.

The following guidance is provided in writing to all students receiving grants through CARES Act funds. Please note that CARES Act grants are intended for “emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare).” By accepting a CARES Act grant, you are attesting that those funds will be used in this manner.

The John Paul II Institute is making a good-willed effort to identify students eligible and most in need of receiving CARES Act grant money. We hope these funds may benefit eligible students in some way and reduce the burden many have experienced due to the unexpected crisis.

By accepting emergency grant funds, you are attesting that you have successfully completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or are a military veteran receiving military aid to attend the John Paul II Institute who is eligible to file a FAFSA.

Guidance Concerning Use of American Rescue Plan Funds.

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Institute has been given a third installment of Higher Education Relief Funding. This third disbursement is broader in its eligibility group than the first two allocations in that it is available to international students in degree-seeking programs, part-time students, students in direction, as well as domestic full-time students. The stipulation of Title IV eligibility is no longer attached to the funding distribution. This means that students do not need to complete the online FAFSA form before submitting a request.

Money from this third fund will be awarded to students in financial need, with preference of funding given to those students with “exceptional need.” A student who has financial need based on expenses or job/funding loss due to COVID-19 may apply for these emergency funds.