

CARES Act HEERF Reporting Disclosure – 9-30-2021

Schools receiving funding from Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund established under the CARES Act and subsequently supplemented by the CRRSAA and ARP are required to report information describing the use of these funds to the Secretary of Education.

Hannibal-LaGrange University (HLGU) has received funds and distributed funds directly to students to assist them with emergency financial relief related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. These grants are intended to be used by students for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. HLGU was also authorized for the 2nd round of funds on January 17, 2021. HLGU also received additional funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) on May 19th, 2021.

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.

a. HLGU has followed, and will follow, the instructions and guidance provided by the CARES Act, the CRRSAA Act, the ARP Act, the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, and the Certification and Agreement.

b. Thus far, in total, HLGU has been awarded \$1,973,908 from 18004(a)(1) in both Student Aid of \$759,488 and Institutional Aid of \$1,214,420 and \$88,038 from 18004(a)(2) SIP and \$1,056,264 from the ARP for a total of \$3,118,210.

c. HLGU signed the Certification and Agreement for these funds provided for under Section 18004(a)(1) on April 20, 2020.

d. HLGU signed the Certification & Agreement for the second half of these funds on April 23, 2020. These funds have been accounted and used for instructional equipment and supplies, purchasing additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, campus safety and operations, PPE due to coronavirus and lost revenue from tuition and non-tuition sources.

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.

a. HLGU received a total of \$1,056,264 in funding through the ARP Act. Of this amount, at least \$1,026,264 will be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. HLGU has set aside the remainder for communication and additional assistance for those who have indicated additional need.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the 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).

a. HLGU disbursed checks directly to 201 full-time residential eligible students with notification to each student that a grant was being distributed on May 1, 2020.

b. A total of 212 residential students and 210 commuter students have now received a grant. The residential student grant was \$1,500 as their need due to COVID-19 disruption required additional housing and food costs. The commuter student grant was \$300. HLGU has distributed a total of \$381,000.

c. In March 2021, CARES money was distributed to students based on their enrollment in the Spring 2021 term. All full-time students received \$1000 and part-time received \$500 to help with needs of all

students due to the coronavirus. The breakdown is as follows: 404 full-time students received a total of \$404,000 and 45 part-time students received \$22,500 for a total of 449 students in the amount of \$426,500. The first quarter of 2021 expense report is posted on the website which reflects that HLGU has spent \$816,676 of institutional dollars.

d. As of June 30th, 2021, HLGU awarded \$0 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the HEERF funding allocated by ARP. Criteria is still being developed as directed by the Department of Education.

e. As of September 30, 2021, HLGU awarded \$25,500 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the HEERF Funding allocated by ARP.

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.

a. The Department of Education allows each institution to set up their own criteria for these awards. HLGU's criteria for CARES Act funds specify that eligible students are those who had filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 academic year and were eligible for federal aid. HLGU disbursed a second distribution on May 11, 2020, to full-time commuter eligible students with notification to each student that a grant was being distributed.

b. As of 6-30-2021, HLGU is still in the development process of determining the methodology for how to deliver the portion of funding allocated under the ARP Act for student grants.

c. As of 9-30-2021, HGLU determined 51 students were eligible to receive funding from the ARP program funds.

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.

a. As of 6-30-2021, HLGU had awarded 0 students through the ARP Act funding.

b. As of 9-30-2021, HLGU awarded 51 students through the ARP Act funding.

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 ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

a. HLGU has not determined their methodology for how we will deliver the portion of funding allocated under the ARP Act for student grants.

b. On 8-18-21 and 9-9-2021, HLGU determined a population of students who did not qualify for initial funding from CARES, CRRSA, or ARP programs based on non-citizenship. For any of these students who were still enrolled for the Fall of 2021 term and had been enrolled for any period following March 13, 2020, funding was allocated as direct payments to the students. HLGU used a block grant methodology and awarded 51 international students \$500. The condition of being enrolled for Fall 2021 was communicated so as to not serve as an inducement to continue enrollment.

c. HLGU is working to solidify the methodology to distribute ARP funding to currently enrolled qualifying domestic students. As of 9-30-21, HLGU has determined degree seeking students, will be awarded ARP funds in varying amounts depending on their Pell Grant eligibility, residency status and full-time, part-time status.

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

a. At this time, HLGU has not provided any information to students about funding received from the ARP program.

b. The 51 international students were notified of their qualification for Emergency Financial Aid by receiving the following communication:

Please find enclosed a check representing your 2021 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant.

This check does not represent an overpayment on your student account – you may still owe a balance. Federal guidelines do not allow us to apply this credit directly to your account balance, however, you may direct us to apply this check to your account by signing this consent form. You may apply the payment to your Fall 2021 account if a balance is still owed, or you may prepay toward a future semester.

Federal law requires Hannibal-LaGrange University to obtain your consent before these funds are applied to your account balance. You will receive this grant whether or not you consent to have it applied to any outstanding balance on your student account.

If you choose not to apply this grant to your account, any balance that is due HLGU before this grant is awarded will remain on your student account. In that case, you will need to follow the payment arrangement per HLGU policy.

Information concerning this program and HLGU's distribution can be found via the following link to HLGU's website: <http://www.hlg.edu/student-life/coronavirus>