

May 25, 2021: Updated March 31 report to include CRRSAA HEERF II Student Funds Received

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CARES Act: HEERF I: Oakland City University received \$232,911 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for distribution to qualifying students to assist with the expenses incurred due to the disruption in their academic program caused by the pandemic.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of the date of this report is \$232,911.

Oakland City University estimates 367 students at OCU were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. As of the date of this report, 304 students who submitted an application were verified as eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant from OCU under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Another student was awarded a grant after being identified as eligible under the guidelines for CRRSAA HEERF II student portion.

Checks have been mailed to a total of 305 students.

Oakland City University used the following methods to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the amount the individual was to receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

1. Student eligibility verified. If a student had filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA and is deemed eligible to receive a student emergency relief grant.

In addition, OCU verified the student was enrolled in an eligible education program since students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020 were not eligible based on guidance from [ED](#).

Students who had not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA were requested to provide additional information demonstrating their eligibility for Title IV funds before they are awarded grants by OCU. 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 a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.

2. Individual amounts received were weighted. The students indicating the greatest need received a greater amount. Each eligible student who completed a grant application and was verified eligible was awarded a minimum of \$500 with a maximum amount of \$1,400 awarded to those indicating the greatest need.
3. Applications were accepted until November 1, 2020. The remaining funds of \$18,245 that had not been claimed through the application process were reallocated and distributed to 125 students indicating the greatest need.
4. In January it was determined two students were identified as eligible in error. The total amount of \$1,020 that had been awarded to the two students was awarded to a different student who had been identified to receive a student grant under the CRRSAA HEERF II guidelines. The \$1,020 CARES Act HEERF I fund was disbursed to the student on March 31, 2021.

CRRSAA: HEERF II: The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. Oakland City University received \$232,911 under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA for distribution to qualifying students to assist with the expenses incurred due to the disruption in their academic program caused by the pandemic.

The total amount of CRRSAA Student Aid Grants distributed to students as of March 31, 2021 is \$198,535.

Oakland City University identified 230 students at OCU who qualified based on guidance from [ED](#) and who demonstrated financial need based on data accessible to the university, including EFC, professional judgement, and inquiries to the Financial Aid department regarding additional assistance.

As of the date of this report, 191 students accepted the grant and have either had the grant applied to their account or have been sent a check based on the option the student chose on their written acceptance.

Oakland City University used the following methods to determine which students demonstrated financial need and were eligible to receive student financial grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA: HEERF II Student portion:

1. Student enrollment in a qualified program verified on the February 2021 enrollment report.
2. Financial need based on an EFC of 5711 or less.
3. Financial Aid Professional Judgement.