

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)
Student Emergency Assistance Awards
July - September 2021 Report**

This report contains information that is required by the U.S. Department of Education.

Hamline University was awarded \$1,285,114 by the U.S. Department of Education (Ed) in accordance with Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. President Miller authorized, and the University submitted to Ed, a Certification and Agreement document with the assurance that the University has used or intends to use no less than 50 percent of CARES Act funds received to provide aid. These funds were fully dedicated to supporting emergency financial aid grants to students.

On May 6, 2020, the total number of students at Hamline who were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive a CARES Act emergency financial award, was determined to be 2,165, which included 1,647 undergraduate and 518 graduate students.

The distribution of CARES Act emergency financial aid grants to students is now complete with all funds distributed. As of **September 30 2021**, 1,360 undergraduate and graduate students had been provided awards.

Hamline communicated to the university community in a number of ways to ensure that all students were aware of these emergency funds. Students were sent an informational email describing the CARES Act grant purpose and eligibility criteria, as well as providing a link to the Hamline CARES Act electronic application. The application further explained the program. Students were invited to contact the Dean of Students Office if they had questions. In addition, students received phone calls or phone messages during the first week that the application was available to assure that students were both aware of and understood the program. Eligible students who did not meet the initial application deadline were provided further opportunities to apply for funding and have been awarded CARES Act grants.

Hamline has followed federal guidelines in determining which students were eligible to receive an award and award amounts. The Office of Financial Aid developed lists of undergraduate and graduate students who met the CARES Act prerequisite eligibility criteria. Each eligible student

was invited to complete an application, indicating their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligible students who reported allowable expenses were determined to be candidates for a CARES Act emergency grant. Finally, grant award amounts were set in a consistent manner based upon each applicant's AY2020 expected family contribution and enrollment percentage. Eligible students with the highest levels of need received a second award in the fall of 2020.

The following table presents the final 2020 CARES Act expected family contribution (EFC) categories, number of students in each category who were provided an award(s), and total awarded amount ranges.

EFC Category (\$)	Number of students awarded CARES Act grants	Total awarded amounts ranges +
0	293	\$1,201 - 2,100
1-1001	84	1,101 - 1,700
1001-2000	59	1,001 - 1,500
2001-5000	159	801-1,275
5001-8000	126	701 - 1,000
8001-11000	106	601 – 700
11001-14000	79	401 - 600
14001-19999	121	301 - 400
20000 +	333	\$0 - 300
Total number of students who have been provided award funds: 1,360. Total amount awarded: \$1,285,114. Average total awarded funds per student recipient: \$945. + Part-time students received proportional grant awards		

In Fall 2021, all HEERF grant recipients with uncashed checks were contacted and new checks were reissued. In Spring 2022, one student had still not cashed their award check. After multiple attempts to reach the student, the second check was canceled and the funds were awarded to a different student, per Hamline policy.

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