



**CARES Act including CRRSAA Funding (HEERF I and II)**

**Under Section 18004(a)(1)  
 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund 50% for Student Aid**

**March 31, 2021  
 Federal Fiscal Q1**

1. Gina Puc, authorized representative of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), acknowledged and signed the Certification and Agreement on April 15, 2020 assuring that the institution intends to use 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.
2. MCLA has received \$1,309,398 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is \$1,309,398 through March 31, 2021.
4. The total number of students at MCLA 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 was 1,136 in the 2019-2020 award year and 909 in 2020-2021 award year.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act including CRRSAA is 1,010 as of March 31, 2021.
6. The following methods were used by MCLA to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act including CRRSAA funds.
  - a. For the original \$654,699 funding under CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1), students were asked to apply for funding through an application process. That process is described in prior quarterly reporting. Students also received block grants determined through a student's estimated family contribution (EFC).
  - b. For the HEERF II Funding received through the CARES Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), students received funding based on a student's 2020-2021 Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Part-time students received a pro-rated amount with students enrolled for 1-5 credits receiving 25% of their EFCs ranges award; students enrolled for 6-8 credits receiving 50%, and students enrolled for 9-11 credits receiving 75%. Students were marked as ineligible if they had select discipline items.

Block Grant Awards for full-time students were determined as follows:

| <b>EFC Range</b>          | <b>Block Award</b> | <b>Total Students</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| \$0 to \$2,855 (Pell)     | \$1,065            | 329                   |
| \$2,856 to \$5,711 (Pell) | \$990              | 81                    |
| \$5,712 to \$11,422       | \$805              | 146                   |
| \$11,423 to \$17,133      | \$630              | 66                    |
| Over \$17,133             | \$370              | 213                   |
| No Reported EFC           | \$220              | 74                    |

Note: Remaining funds totaled \$62.75 that were provided to 22 out of state students that were not eligible for the NEBHE rate. Part-time students were pro-rated as they were in the original block award allocation. In total, eight students received \$5; two students received \$4; three students received \$3; one student received \$2; and seven students received \$1.

7. MCLA students received email notifications to their mcla.edu account regarding availability of grant funds through CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1).
  - a. For the original \$654,699 funding under CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1), students received multiple email notifications regarding availability of grant funds with the link to the application to apply for funding. That process and determination is described in prior quarterly reporting.
  - b. For the HEERF II Funding received through the CARES Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), students received email notification describing they had been approved for funding to assist with costs related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. It notes that grants may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.