

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund I (CARES) FIRST QUARTER REPORT- Updated March 8, 2023

Per federal Department of Education guidance, CSUF is complying with the instructions for reporting on CARES spending. The institution began awarding students on May 15, 2020, using the most current guidance from the federal Department of Education at that time. This serves as the final report that covers all remaining HEERF I fund expenditures for Section 18004(a)(1) Student Portion funds.

1. California State University, Fullerton signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement, agreeing 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. California State University, Fullerton received \$20,510,756.00 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. California State University, Fullerton awarded \$20,510,756.00 in emergency financial aid grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of March 8, 2023.
4. California State University, Fullerton has an estimated 28,202 students 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. As of November 22, 2022, 27,566 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Title IV-eligible students who did not receive CARES Act funds were those students already enrolled in an online program who experienced no disruption to their learning.
6. California State University, Fullerton used the most current guidance from the federal Department of Education as of May 15, 2020, when students began receiving emergency financial aid grants. Eligible students had a FAFSA on file, were Title IV eligible, and were enrolled in a degree program. The institution awarded emergency financial aid grants in three tiers.

### Tier 1 Block Grants

- Eligible students enrolled in 1-6 units for the spring 2020 term received a block grant of \$200.
- Eligible students enrolled in 7+ units for the spring 2020 term received a block grant of \$400.

### Tier 2 Block Grants

The institution awarded additional funds to students with an Expected Family Contribution of \$3000 or less, according to the 2019-20 FAFSA.

- Eligible students with an Expected Family Contribution less than or equal to \$3,000 enrolled in 1-6 units for the spring 2020 term received an additional \$250 block grant.
- Eligible students with an Expected Family Contribution less than or equal to \$3,000 enrolled in 7+ units for the spring 2020 term were awarded an additional \$500 block grant.

### Tier 3 Grants

Additional funds were made available to students through an application process in which the student explained their specific and unique need. Tier 3 grants were awarded to eligible students on July 16, 2020, July 22, 2020, and July 29, 2020. Additional awards were made on November 4- 30, 2020, December 9- 16, 2020, April 27, 2021, August 31, 2021, and September 2, 2021, from funds from unprocessed or stale-dated CARES checks, based on eligibility criteria listed above. No additional disbursements were made since September 2, 2021.

7. Students with direct deposit information on file were emailed on May 7, 2020, with instructions to make sure their bank account information was current. Students without direct deposit information on file were emailed with easy-to-follow instructions on how to setup direct deposit. Direct deposit payments and checks were issued to students starting May 15, 2020. California State University, Fullerton, has taken care to publish on the Financial Aid website information regarding the distribution of CARES funds and the eligibility requirements.