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University of Maine at Farmington  
HEERF II / III  
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Relief Fund for Direct Student Aid  
For the Quarter Ending:  
March 31, 2021

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education Award  
Number II: P425E202234  
Award Number III: P425E202234  
Award Amount II: \$1,079,026  
Award Amount III: \$2,963,379  
Report Period II: 01.01.2021 - 03.31.2021  
Report Period III: 01.01.2021 - 03.31.2021  
Report Date: 06.30.2021

### **Source and Purpose of Funds**

The University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) received the above award from HEERF II passed by Congress on December 27, 2020 and HEERF III passed by Congress on March 11, 2021 to provide emergency financial aid grants to eligible students for their expenses related to the disruption of our campus operations due to coronavirus.

### **Eligibility Requirements II and III**

Consistent with the guidance from the U.S. DOE, eligible students include all students who were enrolled at UMF in Spring 2021 (*updated in June 2021 to include students enrolled in Summer 2021, and Fall 2021*) (II) and Spring 2020, Summer 2021, and Fall 2021 (III) and are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), with the following exceptions:

- Non-degree seeking students
- Employees receiving UMS Employee Tuition benefits
- Early College students
- Students enrolled in exclusively online programs as of March 13, 2020.

### **Distribution Plan**

#### **HEERF II**

100% percent of the CARES student aid was being made available by application to eligible students who self-identify with additional need as a result of the disruption to campus operations caused by COVID-19.

In some cases, emergency funds may have been supplemented with a portion of CARES dollars intended for institutional relief.

All distributions to students will be made via direct deposit, check, or application to bills (if the student indicates they want them to be applied to their bills). Because the IRS considers the CARES student

funds as a “qualified disaster relief payment,” they are not considered taxable income.

**Disbursements To-Date**

Distribution Type	Number of Eligible Students	Number of Students To Which Aid Has Been Distributed	Total Amount of Aid That Has Been Distributed	Amount of Funds Remaining for Disbursement
application Q1	1569	0	0	1,079,026
Total Q1	1569	0	0	1,079,026

Note: disbursements started 4.10.2021

**HEERF III**

no distribution plan was created in Q1

**Disbursements to-date**

no funds distributed in this quarter (funds not drawn down during the quarter)

## **Communications to Students**

II, sent 3.25.2021 to eligible students

Dear UMF Students,

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), the University of Maine at Farmington will be allocated \$3,371,441 from the US Department of Education (allocation referenced as HEERF II; formerly referred to as "CARES Act"). The Act requires that \$1,079,026 of these dollars go directly to students to cover emergency expenses arising from the disruption in campus operations due to the coronavirus.

These funds will be used for eligible students and distributed on a case-by-case basis.

If you are experiencing an extenuating circumstance or an emergency situation due to the coronavirus that is impacting your degree work and your financial situation, please fill out this [form](#).

What happens if you are allocated HEERF II emergency funds?

1. You may choose to apply the funds to your outstanding student account balance. Your decision to apply, or not apply, the funds to your outstanding student account balance is not a requirement for receiving an award.

OR

2. You may choose to have the funds sent directly to you via direct deposit or via check sent to the address on file in Maine Street.

If you have not enrolled in direct deposit and would like to do so, please go to this [link](#). If you are not able to enroll in direct deposit, a paper check will be mailed to the billing address listed on your MaineStreet account.

Applications are due April 8, 2021. If HEERF II dollars remain after those applications are considered, funds will be allocated on a rolling basis until the fund is depleted.

If you have any questions regarding HEERF II, please contact [umf.caresact@maine.edu](mailto:umf.caresact@maine.edu)

Sincerely,

Edward Serna  
President  
University of Maine, Farmington

II: no communications sent in this quarter