

CRRSAA (HEERF II) Reporting

Puget Sound received Grant Award Notification P425E200187-20A for project 84.425E CRRSAA (HEERF II) Certification and Agreement on January 17, 2021, the action of which was to supplement the original grant award by \$709,028. It was and is the intention of the university to use no less than \$709,028 to provide CRRSAA (HEERF II) Grants to students.

2995 students who were enrolled between March 2020 and February 2021 were eligible for funding through CRRSAA (HEERF II). Of those, 2005 were enrolled during spring 2021.

On February 23, 2021, an email communication was sent to all enrolled students announcing the availability of additional student emergency grant funding through CRRSAA (HEERF II). In accordance with federal guidance, the HEERF II funds were made available to students who were in need of financial support due to the difficult circumstances brought forth by the coronavirus. This could include support for food, housing, tuition, course materials, technology, travel and other expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19. Students dealing with a financial hardship or whom had incurred unexpected expenses due to the pandemic were encouraged to apply for funding. **The federal guidance associated with HEERF II funding required the university to prioritize exceptional need in awarding grants to students.** If a student believed that they had a need, they were encouraged to complete the online request form. **Recipients did not have to demonstrate financial need through traditional measures such as the FAFSA, but still needed to provide some clear reasoning for their request.** Requests were processed based on the schedule below:

| Request Deadline: | Receive Response Notification By: |
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| Monday, March 1, 2021 | Monday, March 15, 2021 |
| Monday, March 15, 2021 | Thursday, April 1, 2021 |
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Students were advised to be clear and concise in describing the nature of expenses, and to ensure that the amount requested was accurate. Award amount decisions were based on the type of expense, the description and reasonableness of the request, and available funding. Available award amounts to be requested were \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$1500 or \$2000. A link to an online request form was provided in the email communication, and was also available through direct access on the university's official website.

The application process was closed on April 1, 2021 at the point remaining funding levels were nearly exhausted. Additional disbursements will be made as student emergency circumstances are identified outside of the standard application process. Remaining CRRSAA (HEERF II) Funds will be disbursed either in direct response to such circumstances or in conjunction with the application process for ARP (HEERF III), anticipated to be launched July 1, 2021.

As of March 31, 2021, the university had distributed \$480,500 in HEERF II in emergency grants to 301 eligible students. Grants ranged in amounts from \$250 to \$2000, with 67 awards provided between \$250 and 1000 and 234 awards provided between \$1500 and \$2000.

As of June 30, 2021, the university has distributed \$693,955.66 in emergency grants to 422 students. Grant amounts ranged from \$250 to \$2000, with 94 awards of \$1000 or less and 328 awards between \$1500 and \$2000. \$15,072.34 of the \$709,028 HEERF II funding allocation that remains will be distributed beginning July 2021 in conjunction with HEERF III emergency grant deployment.