

HEERF I (CARES Act) Funds-Final Report

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting:

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Bethany Lutheran College

Section 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat.281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

On May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education posted their requirements for HEERF participating institutions.

Each HEERF Participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website within 30 days from the date the institution received its allocation under 18004(a) and updated every 45 days thereafter.

Below are Bethany Lutheran College's responses to the items requested by the Department of Education:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or 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.

BLC Response: On April 24, 2020 BLC signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement with the assurance that the institution has used, or 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. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

BLC Response: BLC has received \$471,985 from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. BLC is waiting on an additional \$28,015 that has yet to be made available.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

BLC Response: As of June 2, 2020, BLC has distributed \$251,800 to students.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.

BLC Response: As of May 6, 2020, the college had 430 students who had completed the financial aid application process for the 2019-20 school year and were determined to be eligible for Title IV financial aid, were enrolled on at least a half-time basis, and were attending at the time that classes switched to fully online during spring semester of 2019-20.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

BLC Response: Funds were distributed to all 430 students listed above, in one of three different amounts.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

BLC Response: All 430 eligible students received funds. The amount that the student received was dependent on the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

<u>EFC Range</u>	<u>Amount received</u>
\$0-\$9,999	\$700
\$10,000-\$19,999	\$550
\$20,000 and above	\$400

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

BLC Response: See CARES letter dated May 7, 2020 that was mailed along with checks.