

HEERF II (CRRSAA Act) Funds-Final Report:

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

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).

Below are Bethany Lutheran College's responses to the items requested by the Department of Education regarding HEERF II (CRRSA Act):

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 the required amount of 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 the required amount of 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 under HEERF II (CRRSAA).

BLC Response: BLC received \$789,349 from the Department of Education from HEERF II (CRRSAA).

3. The total amount of HEERF II Grants distributed to students

BLC Response: \$252,100 of HEERF II (CRRSAA) dollars were distributed as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students in February of 2021

4. The total number of students who received a HEERF II (CRRSAA) Grant

BLC Response: 437 students received emergency grants from HEERF II (CRRSAA) funding.

5. The method used by the institution to determine which students receive HEERF II (CRRSAA) grants and how much they would receive

BLC Response: Undergraduate students enrolled in at least 6 credits on 2/5/21, and who had completed the financial aid application process, were eligible for emergency grants. PSEO, Dual Credit, and International Students were excluded from receiving grants. Funds were distributed in one of four different amounts:

<u>EFC Range</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>
\$0-\$5,711	\$800
\$5,712-\$9,999	\$650
\$10,000-\$19,999	\$450
\$20,000 and above	\$350

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

BLC Response: See CARES letter dated February 10, 2021 that was included along with checks.