



Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Required Reporting

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(Note: Reporting components were previously posted to the University at Buffalo Financial Aid Website in accordance with the Department of Education deadlines. This PDF report has been compiled as of the Document Date above per guidance provided by the Department of Education in January 2022. No changes were made to prior reports).

CRRSA Act (HEERF II)

The University at Buffalo received Student Aid funding under the CRRSAA section 314(a)(1) program. This program, with some changes, provides supplemental funds to the CARES Act section 18004(a)(1) program.

The University at Buffalo signed and returned to the Education Department a Certification and Agreement as required under the CARES Act section 18004(a)(1) program. We acknowledge that by drawing down the CRRSAA funds, our institution agrees to be bound by the conditions set forth in the CRRSAA Supplemental Agreement including using 100 percent of these funds to provide emergency aid grants to students.

The University at Buffalo has received or will receive \$11,976,450 from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSA Act.

The University at Buffalo has determined 30,380 students at the institution are 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.

Required Reporting

Quarterly Report (March 31, 2021)

- The University at Buffalo had not received HEERF II funds as of the March 31, 2021 reporting date.

Quarterly Report (June 30, 2021)

- The University at Buffalo has distributed \$11,727,809.13 to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of June 30, 2021.
- 10,554 (unduplicated) students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of June 30, 2021.



Quarterly Report (September 30, 2021)

- The University at Buffalo has distributed \$11,748,364.13 to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of September 30, 2021.
- 10,554 (unduplicated) students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of September 30, 2021.
- Since our prior reporting date of June 30, 2021 through September 30, 19 students received a HEERF Grant totaling \$20,555.00.

Reported disbursements may include redistributions of unclaimed emergency grants previously reported and/or additional funds granted to prior recipients.

Quarterly Report (December 31, 2021)

- The University at Buffalo has distributed \$11,810,776.13 to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of December 31, 2021.
- 10,553 (unduplicated) students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of December 31, 2021.
- Since our prior reporting date of September 30, 2021 through December 31, 83 students received a HEERF Grant totaling \$62,352.00

Reported disbursements may include redistributions of unclaimed emergency grants previously reported and/or additional funds granted to prior recipients.

Quarterly Report (March 31, 2022)

- The University at Buffalo has distributed \$11,813,866.13 to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of March 31, 2022.
- 10,553 (unduplicated) students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of March 31, 2022.
- Since our prior reporting date of December 31, 2021 through March 31, 3 students received a HEERF Grant totaling \$7,470.00.

Reported disbursements may include redistributions of unclaimed emergency grants previously reported and/or additional funds granted to prior recipients.



Grant Distribution Methodology

Under the CRRSA Act, Title IV eligibility was removed as a requirement for HEERF funding. However, funding was limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

On May 14, 2021, the Department of Education released a final rule allowing all enrolled students to be considered for HEERF funding, regardless of citizenship status.

Funding was prioritized to students with exceptional need.

The University at Buffalo auto-offered HEERF II grants to students identified as high-need based on an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$5,711 or less based on information provided in the FAFSA or participation in a high-need program.

Auto-offered students had the opportunity to accept, reduce or decline funds. Students were invited to apply for additional funding if the expenses they incurred due to COVID-19 exceeded the grant they were offered.

An application for funding was made available for potentially eligible students who were not automatically offered a HEERF II grant. Applications and supporting documentation are carefully reviewed by the university. Eligibility guidelines are available under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) section of UB's [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\) Grant, Emergency Financial Aid Assistance and COVID-19 FAQ webpage](#). The application was made available through the [UB Scholarship Portal](#).

Application dates and deadlines:

- Spring 2021: Application opened on Feb. 17, 2021. Deadline to apply was April 16, 2021.

Instructions and Guidance Provided to Students

Students who were automatically offered a HEERF II grant received an email notifying them of the grant availability with instructions to accept, reduce or decline the funding.

Application information for HEERF II funds was added to the [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\) Grant, Emergency Financial Aid Assistance and COVID-19 FAQ webpage](#) and UB Scholarship Portal. Additional information on how to apply for HEERF funds was added to the Student Accounts eBill notifications and UB's [Emergency Funds webpage](#).

Information regarding HEERF grants was made available on UB's Financial Aid website (financialaid.buffalo.edu). Several other university webpages added the availability of HEERF



funding and linked to the Financial Aid page for more information. Webpages included but were not limited to:

- 1Capen - <https://www.buffalo.edu/1capen.htmlresources.html>
- Student Life Emergency Funds - <https://www.buffalo.edu/studentlife/help/emergency/emergency-funds.html>
- Student Resources - <http://www.buffalo.edu/grad/succeed/current-students.personal-support.html>
- Various academic department webpages

Information regarding availability of funds and contact information was also included in the [UBNow news article](#) and on student billing statements issued by the Student Accounts Office.