Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting CARES, CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Utah Valley University

January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022 Report – April 8, 2022

- 1. Utah Valley University (UVU) acknowledges it signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and that we have used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- 2. The total amount of funds UVU received under the CARES, CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students is \$63,485,156.
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CARES, CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of March 31, 2022, is \$55,846,900.
- The estimated total number of students at UVU eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES, CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is 39,247.
- The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CARES, CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs through March 31, 2022 is 39,247.
- 6. Award Process: Students may qualify to receive CARES Act/HEERF Emergency grants under ARP in the following ways:
 - Students who have received a Federal Pell Grant for Spring 2022 semester and are enrolled in at least 6 credit hours, will be evaluated for a \$750 award. These students will be identified by the Financial Aid Office.
 - Students who have demonstrated unmet need could qualify for federal or state needbased aid (completed a FAFSA for 2021/2022 and have demonstrated financial need) will be evaluated for a \$750 award. Students are enrolled at least half-time for the Spring 2022 semester. These students will be identified by the Financial Aid Office.
 - Students (in undergraduate or graduate programs) who are enrolled at least half time for Spring Semester 2022 and do not qualify for an award under criteria #1 or #2 (No FAFSA), listed above, will be evaluated for a \$500 award. These students will be identified by the Financial Aid Office.
 - If a student qualifies for a \$500 award (#3 criteria) and experienced significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as loss of employment, reduced income, or food/housing insecurity during any time since March 2020, may request an additional \$250. The Financial Aid Office will evaluate the request. (Application in the upper-righthand corner.)
 - If a student was enrolled at least half time during any semester since March 2020 through May 2022 (Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021 and/or Spring 2022) and did not receive a CARES Act/HEERF award during that period of time, and can certify that they have experienced

significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity may request a \$750 award. The Financial Aid Office will evaluate the request. (Application in the upper-righthand corner.)

- 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - Same as above
 - o If awarded, how will students be notified and receive funds?
 - Students will be notified via their UVU email accounts. If the student has signed up for direct deposit, the funds will go to the student's bank account. The student will otherwise receive a check. All students are encouraged to set up DIRECT DEPOSIT.
 - Do students have any limitations on how they can spend the money?
 - As outlined by the Department of Education, the funds may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.
 - The instructions, directions, or guidance provided by UVU to all students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were sent via University email and published on the University website. Please see HEERF (CARES) FAQ
 - Email Text

Dear ____:

UVU's Financial Aid office has identified you as a student who may be eligible for a COVID-19 emergency grant. This grant, part of the HEERF (CARES), provides funding for students who have been affected by disruptions to their educations due to the COVID-19 outbreak—for example, if you need new technology to complete courses that were moved from face-to-face to online, if your housing needs changed when courses moved online, if you lost the job you held while attending UVU or child care and need financial help to complete the semester, if you need medical care, or any other expenses related to the sudden disruptions to school and campus life. For more information about UVU's HEERF (CARES) funding, see (FAQ page).

To determine whether you are eligible, please complete the following survey and certification at (survey link). As soon as eligibility is determined funds will be sent to you. No additional steps are needed from you. We hope you are staying healthy and safe! We look forward to seeing you again at UVU in summer or fall.