

Truman State University has signed and returned the 'Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students' form. The university has received \$1,672,672 for the student portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). These funds are to be provided as emergency financial aid to eligible students with '*exceptional need*' as it relates to the cost of attendance at Truman State University, such as tuition, food, housing, books and supplies, transportation, personal, health care and child care, or emergency costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of March 31, 2021, \$1,654,991 in CRRSAA grant funds has been processed to 954 students. Additional applications are submitted by eligible students and are pending future disbursement.

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 with unmet need of \$100 or more and eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is 1,112.

Based on Department of Education guidance, Pell Grant eligible students were automatically awarded a block grant amount if they did not fall into one of the below categories. These students were not required to submit a CRRSAA application to receive grant funds. Additionally, non-Pell Grant eligible students with a valid 2020-2021 FAFSA on file with unmet need of \$100 or more were determined to be eligible for emergency CRRSAA grant funds if they did not fall into one of the following categories:

- Not Title IV eligible due to Satisfactory Academic Progress issue
- Unresolved C flag on 2020-2021 FAFSA
- Enrolled in less than 6 credit hours for Spring 2021
- Withdrawn from Spring 2021
- Non-degree seeking

Non-Pell Grant eligible students were required to submit a CRRSAA grant application.

Students could receive HEERF II funding if they had '*exceptional need*' as it relates to the cost of attendance at Truman State University, such as tuition, food, housing, books and supplies, transportation, personal, health care and child care, or emergency costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The University consistently applied amounts for each expense type based on the 2020-2021 cost of attendance expense(s). Health care and child care expenses were determined through documentation submitted by the student.

Non-Pell eligible students were sent email communications explaining HEERF II which included instructions on how to apply online for CRRSAA funds on the student portal. A link to the CRRSAA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was provided in each email (<https://www.truman.edu/admission-cost/cost-aid/office-of-financial-aid/crrsaa-funding/>). Information regarding CRRSAA (HEERF II) is available on the Truman website. Finally, an article was published in the March 15, 2021 campus online publication, Truman Today, explaining the details of the grant with links to the FAQ and application process. The article can be found online at <http://newsletter.truman.edu/article.asp?id=27970>.