

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND II REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

In January 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) announced additional funding available to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

As an institution receiving CRRSAA, Los Angeles College of Music is required to post certain information on its website. Subsequent reports are due quarterly and must be posted no later than 10 days after the calendar quarter (October 10, January 10, April 10, July 10). The following information is reported for the period, April 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021.

- I. This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the *Certification and Agreement* and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- II. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student under the CRRSAA (a)(4) programs, is \$193,823.
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA (a)(4) programs as of June 30,2021, is \$31,000.00.
- IV. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(4) programs is 116.
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA (a)(4) programs is 18.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student have received under the CRRSAA (a)(4) programs.

All students who have been affected by COVID19 and are in need of this emergency grant, are required to submit an electronic application and supporting documentation at https://lacm.formstack.com/forms/heerf_ii_student_covid19_financial_hardship_grant. The grant is distributed to students who submit their request for assistance for housing, food, health care, childcare expenses, or other

expenses that are normally included in the student's cost of attendance as a result of the pandemic. The student applying for this grant must have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current academic year. Students have the option on the Formstack Application to consent CRRSAA grant payment towards any of their balance owed to the institution on or after March 13, 2020. Any remaining balance applied after the grant payment, will be the student responsibility. If the student account balance results in a credit balance, the credit will be refunded to the student. The institution will continue to distribute these emergency funds as students submit their request. Amounts will be awarded with the goals to assist as many students as possible based on needs presented in the application. Additionally, students have received \$500 - \$2000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grant and confirmed expenses as mentioned above resulting from the pandemic.

- VII. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows: Students are instructed to submit their electronic application and supporting documentation at https://lacm.formstack.com/forms/heerf_ii_student_covid19_financial_hardship_grant. Students may receive emergency relief assistance for food, housing, health care, childcare expenses, or other expenses typically included in a student's cost of attendance (COA), as a result of the pandemic.