

**August 24, 2020**

**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 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.**

Bethesda University signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that Bethesda University intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Grants to students. The Grant Award Notification (GAN) was received from the U.S. Department of Education on May 14, 2020.

**The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

Bethesda University has received \$111,413 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

**The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).**

As of June 2, 2020, no disbursements have been made to students.

As of June 4, 2020, Bethesda University has distributed \$64,000 of CARES Act Funding to 16 students.

As of June 12, 2020, we distributed \$28,000 of CARES Act Funding to 7 students.

As of June 29, 2020, the University disbursed \$8,000 to 2 students.

As August 19, 2020, \$11,413 has been approved for payment through direct deposit and checks mailed to home address. The University disbursed additional \$456.52 to 25 students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant back on June 4, 2020 and June 12, 2020 and June 29, 2020.

Bethesda University has received access to \$111,413 and a total of \$100,000 distributed to students on June 04, 2020 and June 12, 2020. There were no more eligible students who meet criteria under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Bethesda University disbursed all funds that we received under COVID Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

**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 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act**

Bethesda University uses a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine students who are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. An estimated 109 students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 during the Spring 2020 semester.

As of June 29, 2020, 25 students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the University identified a few more students who may be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 1800(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

We have tried to contact them and waiting for their response. In order to help student understand the CARES Act Emergency Grants and how to apply at Bethesda University was developed shared with students and BU community. The information can be found at the following link:

[https://1b79b0b9-6621-48b6-aa86-2d6fc2dc232c.filesusr.com/ugd/4fb11b\\_f6fe393aed7e4588ba2c032e9915b1b7.pdf](https://1b79b0b9-6621-48b6-aa86-2d6fc2dc232c.filesusr.com/ugd/4fb11b_f6fe393aed7e4588ba2c032e9915b1b7.pdf)

[https://1b79b0b9-6621-48b6-aa86-2d6fc2dc232c.filesusr.com/ugd/4fb11b\\_84f0e476238f45b3b77475f083a15596.pdf](https://1b79b0b9-6621-48b6-aa86-2d6fc2dc232c.filesusr.com/ugd/4fb11b_84f0e476238f45b3b77475f083a15596.pdf)

**The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**

Students received an email on May 11,2020 notifying them of the availability of CARES Act Emergency Grant Funds. For students who meet basic eligibility criteria were asked to fill out and submit the Emergency Financial Aid Grant (CARES Act) Student Request Form.

The CARES Act Student Grant Committee reviewed the Emergency Financial Aid Grant (CARES Act) Student Request form to confirm the request and award amount was determined based on the volume of eligible students. Eligibility include the presence of FAFSA, enrollment in coursework during the Spring 2020 semester, and indication of expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 pandemic, such as education/course materials/technology, food/housing, health care/childcare, job loss/furlough or other related expenses. Students who were enrolled exclusively in online courses on March 13, 2020 were excluded from the awarding list.

There were approximately 25 students who meet eligibility criteria among estimated 109 students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 during the Spring 2020 semester.

The equal amount of \$ 4,000.00 per person will be disbursed in 1 lump sum to each student in order of receipt of their form, until all funds are disbursed. For students who have signed up for direct deposit with the Accounting Office, funding will be sent to the student's financial institution via EFT. For students not enrolled in direct deposit, checks will be mailed. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Instructions and guidance are available on our website [www.buc.edu](http://www.buc.edu)

