

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting:
Institutional Aid Funds under the CARES Act
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Quarterly Report #1
July 10, 2020

Overview:

Section 18004(a)(1) and 18004(c) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

Each HEERF-participating institution is responsible for providing information on fund utilization in report format, as outlined by the Secretary under Section 15011(b)(2) of the CARES Act. Not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each covered recipient shall submit to the agency a report which contains the following questions and the institutional response to those questions.

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh hereby addresses questions for the first quarterly report (deadline July 10) under Section 15011(b)(2) of the CARES Act:

1. 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, up to 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus*.

UWO Response: *UW Oshkosh completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. A team was established in order to utilize up to 50% of HEERF funds for institutional costs directly associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to coronavirus. The recipient also acknowledges that no less than 50% of the funds received were provided as emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to disruption of campus operations as a result of coronavirus.*

2. 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.

UWO Response: *UW Oshkosh received \$3,103,880 in institutional aid funding to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to coronavirus.*

**Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, allowable costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, including marketing and advertising; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship.*

3. The amount of large covered funds received that were expended or obligated for each project or activity.

UWO Response: *At the time of this report, a total of \$3,103,880 has been expended by the recipient to cover: 1) housing and 2) food service, in the amounts of \$2,384,680 and \$719,200.*

4. A detailed list of all projects or activities for which large covered funds were expended or obligated, including;
 - a. The name of the project or activity

UWO Response: *Institutional aid funds were utilized to cover the following list of activities:*

- *Housing*
- *Food Service*

5. A description of the project or activity

UWO Response: *UW Oshkosh utilized institutional aid funds for the activities listed in #4 above. This included:*

- *Housing: Funds under this activity category were utilized to cover refunds provided to students. Essentially, students pre-paid for campus housing (i.e. dorms) and the CARES Institution aid funds were utilized to reimburse the institution once UW Oshkosh reimbursed students.*
- *Food Service: Funds under this activity category were utilized to cover refunds provided to students between in the same fashion as 'Housing' listed above.*

6. The estimated number of jobs created or retained by the project or activity, where applicable.

UWO Response: *No jobs were created or retained under Institution funds. The utilization of these funds came with the primary purpose of recovering lost revenue from student refunds listed under Questions #4 and #5 above.*

7. Detailed information on any level of subcontracts or subgrants awarded by the covered recipient or its subcontractors or subgrantees, to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

UWO Response: *Recipient certifies that it did not utilize institutional aid funds to award any level of subcontract or subgrant.*

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