

January 10, 2022

On March 27, 2020, the Federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub L. No. 116-136, providing funds to institutions from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. The law requires institutions to report certain information related to the use of these funds. The following information is reported for the period ending September 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 - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. We further attest that our institution has used, and/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.

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 is \$14,258.

III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of December 31, 2021 is \$33,558.

IV. The estimated total number of students at our 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 is 100.

V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to date is 25.

VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

IDSVA will reimburse students for any flights purchased for the Summer 2020 Europe residency, which cannot be refunded or re-booked for future use. The student must provide a receipt for the cost of the flight.

In February 2021, IDSVA made grants to students 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 child care.

IDSVA prioritized grants to students with exceptional need, as determined by a grant application, and by the student's most recent FAFSA report (ISIR). Students were notified of the online grant application form on February 12, with a due date of February 21, 2021.

VII. The following instructions were provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

March 26, 2020

As a follow up to the announcement from Simonetta Moro about the postponement of Summer 2020 residencies, we would like to check in with students who have already purchased a flight for the summer residencies. If you have a flight that you will not be using, please contact your airline/issuing agency and request a cancellation. The airline will likely issue a refund or voucher. If your airline offers you a voucher to be used within a certain time-frame, let's make sure that you can use it for your flight to Europe next year. If your airline does not issue a refund or voucher, IDSVA will give you a refund for your ticket. Please contact Molly Davis if this is the case.

February 12, 2021

We are very happy to announce that IDSVA Students are now eligible to receive grants from CARES Act Funds. The Department of Education recently updated their guidelines to include distance education students. We've been given a relatively small pot of funds, but it's great to have something for IDSVA students. The grants are awarded to cover expenses for students' Cost of Attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health care), and child care.

The Dept. of Ed guidelines require that we prioritize funding for students with the greatest need. To do this, we are requesting that you report income loss and/or extra expenses incurred due to Covid-19. We will use that info, along with your most recent FAFSA, to determine need. Grants will range from \$300 to \$1000.

Please fill out this [Application](#) by February 21, 2021. We will disburse all available funds at this time, so don't miss this deadline if you are wanting to receive a grant.

You can find our Policies and Procedures for CARES Act Funds, and quarterly reporting for the funds on the [Covid-19 Updates](#) page of our website.

At this time, International students, DACA students and undocumented noncitizens continue to be ineligible.