



Financial Aid Office

Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Carolina Campus
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**Notice to Students and General Public on the Use of Higher Education
Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)
PR/AWARD NUMBER P425E200521-20B**

In compliance with the United States Department of Education's requirements to disclose to students and the general public the uses of funds under the ARP for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students provided to the Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Carolina Campus, we hereby inform the following:

1. On May 25, 2021, UAGM Carolina Campus received from the United States Department of Education (USDE) the notification of the HEERF grant funds awarded under section 2003 of the ARP, known as HEERF III funds, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the campus and locations in Puerto Rico and the United States to cover expenses incurred on or after March 13, 2020 related to 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, as established in Section 2003(7) of the ARP.
2. UAGM Carolina Campus received **\$22,337,947** from the USDE. This minimum amount that the institution must spend on emergency financial aid grants to students has been calculated by the USDE based on the formula contained in section 314(a)(1) of the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)*, as required in section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP.
3. For the quarter ended December 31, 2022, UAGM Carolina Campus did not distribute funds under ARP.

As of the quarter ended December 31, 2022, UAGM Carolina Campus has distributed **\$22,623,900** of HEERF III funds under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP. This amount includes **\$285,953** received from unliquidated (unspent) HEERF funds, awarded previously, as permitted under the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)* and *CRRSAA*.

4. UAGM Carolina Campus had **6,917** and **6,032** students officially enrolled during the first and second semester, respectively, of academic year 2021-22 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP.
5. UAGM Carolina Campus distributed HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants to **6,560** and **5,891** students officially enrolled during the first and second semester, respectively, of academic year 2021-22.

6. UAGM Carolina Campus distributed HEERF III funds to the students officially enrolled during the first semester of academic year 2021-22. This distribution included students who dropped out, withdrew officially or unofficially during the second semester 2021-22, as permitted by the USDE.

As required by the USDE, the UAGM Carolina campus distributed the funds prioritizing aid to students with exceptional need, assigning a higher amount to students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal to 0 in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students with an EFC greater than 0 on their FAFSA received less aid than students with an EFC = 0. In addition, students who did not complete a FAFSA received less aid than students who completed a FAFSA. The amounts of aid distributed are detailed below.

EFC = 0: \$3,000
EFC > 0: \$2,000
No FAFSA: \$1,000

UAGM Carolina Campus, in its definition of exceptional need criteria, also considered eligibility for other applicable federal and state aid, since eligibility for the Pell grant mainly defines the eligibility of students for other financial aids.

From March 14 to March 31, 2022, the Campus distributed funds to students officially enrolled during the second semester of academic year 2021-22. The eligibility criteria used for this distribution considered the same conditions applied for the distribution made during the first semester of this academic year. The amounts of aid distributed are detailed below.

EFC = 0: \$900
EFC > 0: \$450
No FAFSA: \$225

In addition, a portion of HEERF III was maintained available to serve, through professional judgement, students who faced extraordinary circumstances a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. By doing this, the institution complies with the instruction from the USDE that, beyond eligibility to financial aid, students who faced significant unexpected expenses, such as the loss of employment (either for themselves or their families), reduced income, or food or housing insecurity, are considered. Disbursements within the range of \$2,000 - \$3,000 each have been processed applying professional judgement.

7. In letters issued on September 20, 2021, October 5, 2021, and February 22, 2022, UAGM Carolina Campus students were duly informed about the assignment of HEERF III funds and how they would be distributed to students.

Students who did not complete a FAFSA were required to complete a written statement, before disbursing the aid, certifying the need for the funds.

8. Every student that received HEERF III under the ARP funds received a letter before the payment of the aid. Communications were sent to the student's institutional email address. Students were advised to call or email their Financial Aid Office if they had questions concerning this matter.

If you have questions concerning HEERF funds under the ARP distributed in UAGM Carolina Campus please email to the following addresses, according to your place of study:

Puerto Rico: uneasistecon@uagm.edu
Metro Orlando: finaid-moc@uagm.edu
Dallas: finaid-dac@uagm.edu

Tampa Bay: finaid-tbc@uagm.edu
South Florida: finaid-sfc@uagm.edu

This information is published in compliance with requirements from the United States Department of Education for higher education institutions that received funds under Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). The institution is required to inform the general public how it distributed the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) to Students under the ARP in compliance with the requirements originally established for HEERF under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).