

Financial Aid Office

**Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Carolina Campus
10/10/2023**

**Notice to Students and General Public on the Use of Higher Education
Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
PR/AWARD NUMBER P425E200521**

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 CARES Act for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students provided to the Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Carolina Campus, we hereby inform the following:

1. On April 9, 2020, **Chancellor Félix Huertas González of UAGM Carolina Campus** signed and returned to the US Department of Education (USDE) a Certification and Agreement (***Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act***) stating that the institution would use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the campus and locations in Puerto Rico and the United States to cover expenses related to the disruption to the university's operations caused by the Coronavirus (including eligible costs of attendance, as defined by the USDE for food, room and board, materials, technology, medical expenses and childcare).
2. UAGM Carolina Campus received **\$7,106,104** from the USDE pursuant to the institutions Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, UAGM Carolina Campus did not distribute funds under the CARES Act.

As of September 30, 2023, UAGM Carolina Campus has distributed **\$7,281,640** under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. This amount includes **\$449,900** received under the institution's Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion of the CARES Act funds but used to provide additional Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Therefore, the institution has used more than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

4. UAGM Carolina Campus had **6,453** students enrolled in the first semester of academic year 2020-21 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.
5. UAGM Carolina Campus distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to **4,499** students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act enrolled in the academic year 2020-21. A total of **12,885** students have

received CARES Act funds since the pandemic of COVID 19 was declared and the funds assigned to the institution.

6. UAGM Carolina Campus distributed HEERF funds as the USDE instructed: to all students enrolled during the first semester in 2020-21 that are eligible to federal financial aid Title IV funds (ex. Pell, FSEOG, TEACH, Federal Direct Loans and Federal College Work Study Program) and in fact were recipients of those funds. Also, to enrolled students during said period that although they did not receive federal financial aid, were deemed eligible, as defined by the USDE, based on a 2020-21 FAFSA with no comments because they comply with all requisites, among them, citizenship, social security, Selective Service (if male student), High School diploma and others, including complying with the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, are not in default in their loan payments, among others.

As stated in the letter to the institutions of higher education by the Secretary of the USDE, Mrs. Betsy DeVos, UAGM Carolina Campus distributed the funds to the largest number of students enrolled.

From December 14, 2020 to June 30, 2021, the institution distributed funds, this time with additional aid funds from the Institutional Portion of the CARES Act funds. Students received a fixed amount of \$165. Of that amount, \$100 were from the Institutional portion of the CARES Act.

7. UAGM Carolina Campus students were duly informed about the distribution of the second tranche of funds and how they would be distributed in a letter of December 10, 2020. Students were required to complete a certification before receiving the grant stating they had incurred expenses or need to cover expenses related to their studies at the university caused by the disruption in the institution's operations due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
8. Every student that receives HEERF funds will receive 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 CARES Act 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
- South Florida: finaid-sfc@uagm.edu
- Tampa Bay: finaid-tbc@uagm.edu
- Dallas: finaid-dac@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 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The institution is required to inform the general public how it distributed the Emergency Relief Funds to Students. Section 18004c requires the institution distribute no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) to students for Emergency Financial Aid Grants 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, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).