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 *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)*
PR/AWARD NUMBER P425E200521 – 20A

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

1. On February 16, 2020, UAGM Carolina Campus received from the United States Department of Education (USDE) the notification of the HEERF grant funds awarded under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA, known as HEERF II 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 December 27, 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.

2. UAGM Carolina Campus received **$7,106,104** from the USDE. The section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA requires the institution to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (known as HEERF I funds under the CARES Act).

3. For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, UAGM Carolina Campus did not distribute funds under the CRRSAA.

   As of September 30, 2023, UAGM Carolina Campus has distributed **$7,212,850** of HEERF II funds under Section 314(d)(2) of the CRRSAA. This amount includes **$106,746** received from unliquidated (unspent) HEERF I funds awarded previously under CARES Act, pursuant to CRRSSA Section 314(d)(2), which permits that any unused HEERF I funds that an institution did not spend prior to December 27, 2020 may be spent in accordance with the allowable uses of the HEERF II funds. Therefore, the institution has used at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided for HEERF I funds.

4. UAGM Carolina Campus had **7,578** students that enrolled during the second semester of academic year 2020-21 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA.

5. UAGM Carolina Campus distributed HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants to **6,983** students that enrolled during the academic year 2020-21.

6. UAGM Carolina Campus distributed HEERF II funds to the students that enrolled during the second semester of academic year 2020-21. This distribution included students who dropped out, withdrew officially or unofficially during the second semester 2020-21, 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: $1,100
   EFC > 0: $875
   No FAFSA: $325

7. In letters issued on March 3 and 16, 2021, UAGM Carolina Campus students were duly informed about the assignment of HEERF II funds, how they would be distributed to students and their voluntary option to return the funds to the institution if they do not need them.

   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 II under the CRRSAA 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 CRRSAA 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
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This information is published in compliance with requirements from the United States Department of Education for higher education institutions that received funds under Section 314 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). The institution is required to inform the general public how it distributed the Emergency Relief Funds to Students.