Notice to Students and General Public on the Use of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Supplemental Support Under the American Rescue Plan Program (SSARP)

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 SSARP for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students provided to Ana G. Méndez University (AGMU), we hereby inform the following:

1. On July 21, 2022, AGMU received from the United States Department of Education (USDE) the notification of HEERF III grant funds awarded under SSARP. The terms, conditions, and requirements governing AGMU’s use of these grant funds are governed by section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), section 314 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and the terms and conditions specified under Absolute Priority 1 of the SSARP.

   Emergency Financial Aid Grants provided to students must 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. AGMU received $374,113 from the USDE under the institution’s Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion of the SSARP funds but used to provide additional Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

3. For the quarter ended June 30, 2023, AGMU did not distribute funds under the SSARP.

   As of the quarter ended June 30, 2023, AGMU has distributed $369,545 of HEERF III funds under the SSARP.

4. AGMU had 2,369 students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal or greater to 0 in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) officially enrolled during the summer period of academic year 2021-22 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under SSARP.

5. AGMU distributed HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grants under SSARP to 2,369 students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal or greater to 0 in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) officially enrolled during the summer period of academic year 2021-22.
6. AGMU distributed HEERF III funds under SSARP to the students with an EFC equal or greater to 0 in their FAFSA officially enrolled during the summer period of academic year 2021-22. This distribution included students who dropped out, withdrew officially or unofficially during the summer period of 2021-22, as permitted by the USDE.

As required by the USDE, AGMU distributed the funds prioritizing aid to students with exceptional need, assigning funds to students with an EFC equal or greater to 0 in their FAFSA. The amounts of aid distributed are detailed below.

- EFC = 0: $175
- EFC > 0: $96

7. In a letter issued on August 22, 2022, AGMU students were duly informed about the assignment of HEERF III funds under SSARP and how they would be distributed to students.

8. Every student that received HEERF III funds under the SSARP 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 SSARP distributed in AGMU please email to the following addresses, according to your place of study:

Metro Orlando: finaid-moc@uagm.edu
South Florida: finaid-sfc@uagm.edu
Tampa Bay: finaid-tbc@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).