

# Dongguk University Los Angeles

CARES Act Report

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

As of September 30, 2020

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides funding to address higher education challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DULA signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on July 28, 2020. DULA has used or will 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. Of the funding we received, 50% was directed to emergency financial aid grants for student cost of attendance, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The other 50% will be directed to the institution to defray operational expenses related to the impact of COVID-19. The funds cannot be used for endowments, athletic or religious facilities, or enrollment recruitment contractors.

## < Student Portion >

The total amount of funds that DULA received from the Department for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is \$ 30,229.00.

The total amount of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is \$ 0 as of September 30, 2020. After the first notice to the eligible students about submitting the application for the CARES ACTs fund, only a few eligible students had replied to DULA, so DULA has decided to inform eligible students to know again for the fund and issued the second notice. DULA waited for their applications until 10/2/2020 before starting to distribute the fund to only the students both eligible for the fund and who submit the fund application.

The estimated total number of DULA students 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 55.

A total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 0 as of September 30, 2020.

On August 18, 2020, all students, who were enrolled 2019-2020 Summer Quarter, were notified via email that DULA would receive and distribute Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CARES Act. Students were also provided with the contact information for further information and the attached application. Upon submission of the application, students were notified that they would receive communication with their email address registered in the Student Portal System (“Populi”) account in a few days.

To determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act DULA used the following principles in our approach:

1. Eligible for the fund would be the students who meet the following three requirements.
  - a. The students who are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA),
  - b. The students who are enrolled in the regular didactic or clinic classes in DULA during the 2020 Summer Quarter, and
  - c. The students who submit the Application for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
2. The distribution methodology would be based on the number of units that the fund eligible students enrolled during the Summer 2020 Summer Quarter.
3. To determine award amounts, the university instituted upper limits for some expense categories as well as an aggregate individual grant limit of \$6,195 as recommended by the Department of Education. Emergency Grants are awarded until funds are exhausted.

#### **< Institution Portion >**

CARES Act institutional funding in the amount of \$30,229.00 was received and reported as revenue in FY20. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer is working with the President to plan for these funds. Our commitment to the well-being and health of our students, staff, and faculty remains our top priority and will continue to communicate decisions that impact the financial well-being of our community.