

California University of Pennsylvania
CARES 3rd Statistical Report
March 31, 2021

California University of Pennsylvania received the second round of funding based on the previously (Cal U) signed federal Funding Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) on April 13, 2020.

The federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) includes funds to assist institutions of higher education and university students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Colleges and universities received CRRSA HEERF II funding based on a formula outlined in the legislation, which also details how universities are permitted to use this new round of funding.

Cal U received about \$2.1 million to provide emergency financial assistance directly to eligible students. Awards were made to approximately 3,400 students for the Spring 2021 semester. Awards range from \$590 to \$700, based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education allow Cal U to distribute CRRSA HEERF II funds as direct emergency aid to domestic undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in on-campus and online degree programs during the Spring 2021 semester, and who have a FAFSA on file.

This includes full-time and part-time degree-seeking students with a permanent U.S. address, whether they are living in on-campus residence halls, living at Vulcan Village or another off-campus location, commuting to Cal U for classes this spring, or studying 100% online.

Cal U began disbursing this aid on April 1, 2021. This money did NOT reduce any balance students may have owed to the University.

Students were provided an email message from Interim President Robert J. Thorn regarding the specifics of CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants. In addition, students were directed to the Cal U website to learn more about CARES Act funding at www.calu.edu. For more information about student services they were directed to [Coronavirus: FAQ for Students](#).