Report Date: September 30, 2020 (QTR 3)

1. **An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, the applicable amount of funds designated for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.**

In April 2020, the University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston signed and returned the Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the Department of Education. The University intends to use one hundred percent of its student portion as student emergency grants.

1. **The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students in accordance with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.**

As of September 30, 2020, The University has received a total of $997,852.00.

1. **The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.**

As of September 30, 2020, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was $873,872.00.

1. **The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.**

The total number of eligible students was 2,815 students.

1. **The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.**

As of September 30, 2020, the total number of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students was 1,164.

1. **The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.**

**The University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston took the aforementioned guidelines as suggested by the U.S. Department of Education, and with input and consideration from each of our six schools and UTHealth’s executive leadership, adopted the following Phases and conditions when distributing CARES ACT HEERF student allocated funds:**

**Phase I:**

During phase I, HEERF funded emergency financial aid grants were awarded to students enrolled in and scheduled to graduate in the Spring 2020 term and whose graduation was delayed due to the postponement of required clinical rotations and/or practicum experiences as a result of the disruption to University operations due to coronavirus.

Students that received the HEERF funded emergency financial aid grants in Phase I were required to complete an application in which each respective school reviewed and verified the accuracy of each student’s conditionally required graduation and clinical/practicum completion status. Upon validation and approval of the applications by the various schools, the office of Student Financial Services released the awards for disbursement. If not already on file with the University, students were also required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine Title IV eligibility.

HEERF funded financial aid emergency grants during Phase I were paid directly to students via direct deposit (students must register for direct deposit) or check.

**Phase II:**

Phase II of UTHealth's distribution of HEERF student allocated funds is being awarded to all PELL grant recipients and currently enrolled students who have a FAFSA on file with the institution, are Title IV eligible, and have an “effective family contribution” (EFC) of zero. No additional application process is required for students to qualify for the Phase II distributions of the CARES Act (HEERF) student allocated funds.

HEERF funded financial aid emergency grants during Phase II are being paid directly to students via direct deposit (students must register for direct deposit) or check. The student Emergency Financial Aid Grants ranged in a range from $500 - $4,472.

1. **Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

The University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston created the following webpage to inform students of HEERF Funds. This website outlines the eligibility criteria for the funds and the distribution method. https://www.uth.edu/sfs/cares-act