1. Utah State University (USU) acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 10, 2020 and gives the assurance that USU will use 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Additional funding was provided by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into law December 27, 2020 and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) that was signed into law on March 11, 2021. USU provides assurance that the institution will use the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2. The total amount of funds USU has received under section 18004(a)(1) is $17,428,745 from the CARES Act. On February 16, 2021, an additional $8,714,373 was allocated to USU under CRRSAA to provide additional grant funds to students. On May 25, 2021, an additional $27,725,008 million was allocated to USU under ARP to provide additional grant funds to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid grants distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act: is $8,714,373. The total amount of Financial Aid grants distributed under the CRRSAA Act is: $8,714,373. The total amount of Financial Aid Grants distributed under the ARP Act is $5,239,927. Total amount of financial aid grants to students: $22,668,673.

4. The estimated total number of students at USU 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 21,000. Estimated total number of students at USU 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 CRRSAA and ARP is 33,000.

5. The total number of unduplicated students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, the CRRSAA Act and the ARP Act is 17,732.

6. The methods used to determine which and the amount students received in Emergency Financial Aid Grants by semester were as follows:

For Fall 2021 a student relief grant was awarded based under the ARP Act requirements, criteria were as follows:
- Completed 2021/2022 FAFSA
- Registered for fall 2021 at time of awarding.
- Awards were prioritized as explained below:
  - USU used the Expected Family Contribution index to identify eligible students. Students with an EFC index of 0 to 5846 received a block grant of $500. Students with an EFC index of 5847 to 15,000 received a block grant of $400.
  - For students who had not previously submitted a FAFSA or did not receive a block grant, an application process was available to be considered for a $250 student relief grant. To qualify students had to self-identify as having one or more of the following:
    - Expenses for COVID-19 related health care, including mental health services, or child care
    - Loss of Employment Due to COVID-19
    - Loss of Working hours due to COVID-19
    - Other financial loss due to COVID-19
    - Food or housing insecurity due to COVID-19
    - Application deadline was Sept 4, 2021
  - Students had to certify eligibility and accept block or application awards by Sept 24, 2021.
  - If students wanted funds applied to any outstanding balance, they had to provide consent on online acceptance form.
  - Appeals were considered for extenuating circumstances that prevented students from applying or accepting award before the deadline.

For Summer 2021 a student relief grant was awarded based under the CRRSAA Act requirements, criteria were as follows:
- Completed 2020/2021 FAFSA
  - All additional requirements had to be submitted and complete
- Registered for Summer 2021 at time of awarding
- Awards were prioritized as explained below:
- USU used an institutional unmet need index to identify students with exceptional financial need. Students with a need index of 400 or greater received a block grant in amounts ranging from $400-700, based on their unmet need index.
For Spring 2021/Summer 2021 a student relief grant was awarded based under the CRRSA Act requirements, criteria were as follows:

- Eligible students were selected to submit an application confirming they had expenses related due to Covid-19.
  
  o USU used an institutional unmet need index to identify students with exceptional financial need. Students with a need index of 400 or greater received a block grant in amounts ranging from $400-700, based on their unmet need index.

- Students were required to indicate which cost of attendance items they needed assistance with.

- Application deadline was April 18, 2021.

- Based on student response, the following award amounts were determined:

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- Maximum amount that could be awarded was limited to $1500.

- Students were required to accept their award online.

- If students wanted funds applied to any outstanding balance, they had to provide consent on online acceptance form.

- Appeals were considered for extenuating circumstances that prevented students from applying before the deadline.

For Spring 2021 a student relief grant was awarded based under the CRRSA Act requirements, criteria were as follows:

- Completed 2020/2021 FAFSA
  
  • All additional requirements had to be submitted and complete

- Registered for Spring 2021 at time of awarding

- Awards were prioritized as explained below:
  
  • USU used an institutional unmet need index to identify students with exceptional financial need. Students with a need index of 400 or greater received a block grant in
amounts ranging from $400-700, based on their unmet need index.

- For students who had not previously submitted a FAFSA and did not receive a block grant, an application process was available to be considered for the student relief grant.

  - Students had to submit a certification and accept the award through an online acceptance form

  - Students who wanted to apply these funds to their account balance had to opt in by selecting the box on the acceptance form.

**For Spring 2021 a technology grant was awarded based under the CARES Act requirements, criteria were as follows:**

- Eligible for funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Completed 2020/2021 FAFSA
- Registered for Spring 2021 at time of awarding
- Awards were prioritized as explained below:

  - USU used an institutional need index to identify students with the greatest financial need. Students with a need index of 400 or greater received a block grant in the amount of $400.

  - For students who had not previously submitted a FAFSA and did not receive a block grant, an application process was available to be considered for the $400 technology grant.

  - Students had to submit a certification and accept the award through an online acceptance form.

**For Fall 2020 a supplemental grant was awarded, criteria were as follows:**

- Completed 2020/2021 FAFSA
- Registered for Fall 2020 at time of awarding
- Awards were prioritized as explained below:

  - USU used an institutional need index to identify students with the greatest financial need. Students with a need index of 300 or greater received a block grant in the amount of $400. If a student had previously qualified for the technology grant, they were awarded an additional $100.

  - For students who had not previously submitted a FAFSA and did not
receive a block grant, an application process was available to be considered for the supplemental grant amount.

- Students had to submit a certification and accept the award through an online acceptance form.

**For Fall 2020 a technology grant was awarded, criteria were as follows:**

- Eligible for funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Completed 2020/2021 FAFSA
- Registered full time for Fall 2020 at time of awarding

- Awards were prioritized as explained below:
  - USU used an institutional need index to identify students with the greatest financial need. Students with a need index of 300 or greater received a block grant in the amount of $300.
  - For students who had not previously submitted a FAFSA and did not receive a block grant, an application process was available to be considered for the $300 technology grant.
  - Students had to submit a certification and accept the award through an online acceptance form.

**For Fall 2020 a supplemental grant was awarded, criteria were as follows:**

- Completed 2020/2021 FAFSA
- Registered for Fall 2020 at time of awarding

- Awards were prioritized as explained below:
  - USU used an institutional need index to identify students with the greatest financial need. Students with a need index of 300 or greater received a block grant in the amount of $400. If a student had previously qualified for the technology grant, they were awarded an additional $100.
  - For students who had not previously submitted a FAFSA and did not receive a block grant, an application process was available to be considered for the supplemental grant amount.
  - Students had to submit a certification and accept the award through an online acceptance form.

**For Spring 2020 grants, criteria were as follows**

- Eligible for funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Completed 2019/2020 FAFSA
- Awards were prioritized as explained below:
USU used an institutional need index to identify students with the greatest financial need. Students with a need index of 500 or greater received a block grant award ranging from $500-$800. The amount is prorated based on the need index.

For students who had not previously submitted a FAFSA or did not meet the criteria above, an application process was available to be considered for a grant ranging from $250-$800 based on the USU need index.

Students had to submit a certification and accept the award through an online acceptance form.

7. The instructions, directions, or guidance provided by USU to all students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were sent via University email and published on the University website. Please see https://www.usu.edu/covid-19/cares/index.