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.

2. The total amount of funds USU will receive under section 18004(a)(1) is $17,428,745. An additional $8,714,373 was allocated to USU under CRRSAA 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: $3,139,997. Total amount of financial aid grants to students: $11,854,370.

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.

5. The total number of unduplicated students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act and CRRSAA act is 12,558.

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

   **For Spring 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 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.