Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Student Emergency Assistance Awards 30 Day Report

This report contains information that is required by the U.S. Department of Education.

Hamline University was awarded \$1,285,114 by the U.S. Department of Education (Ed) in accordance with Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. President Miller authorized, and the University submitted to Ed, a Certification and Agreement document with the assurance that the University has used or intends to use no less than 50 percent of CARES Act funds received to provide aid. These funds were fully dedicated to supporting emergency financial aid grants to students.

On May 6, 2020, the total number of students at Hamline who were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive a CARES Act emergency financial award, was determined to be 2,165, which included 1,647 undergraduate and 518 graduate students.

The distribution of emergency financial aid grants to students is currently in process and many students will receive a CARES Act grant award before the end of May. As of May 20, 2020, although no awards have been issued to date, more than 1,350 undergraduate and graduate students have applied for and been determined eligible to receive an award.

Hamline communicated to the university community in a number of ways to ensure that all students were aware of these emergency funds. Students were sent an informational email describing the CARES Act grant purpose and eligibility criteria, as well as providing a link to the Hamline CARES Act electronic application. The application further explained the program. Students were invited to contact the Dean of Students Office if they had questions. In addition, students received phone calls or phone messages during the first week that the application was available to assure that students were both aware of and understood the program. Eligible students who did not meet the initial application deadline were provided further opportunities to apply for funding and have been awarded CARES Act grants.

Hamline has followed federal guidelines in determining which students were eligible to receive an award and award amounts. The Office of Financial Aid developed lists of undergraduate and graduate students who met the CARES Act prerequisite eligibility criteria. Each eligible student was invited to complete an application, indicating their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligible students who reported allowable expenses were determined to be candidates for a CARES Act emergency grant. Finally, grant award amounts were set in a consistent manner based upon each applicant's AY2020 expected family contribution and enrollment percentage. Eligible students with the highest levels of need received a second award in the fall of 2020.

The following table presents the final 2020 CARES Act expected family contribution (EFC) categories, *anticipated* number of students in each range to receive a grant, and range grant amounts.

EFC Category (\$)	Number of students awarded CARES Act grants	Grant award amount for each full-time student +
0	301	\$1,300
1-1001	87	\$1,200
1001-2000	62	\$1,100
2001-5000	163	\$1,000
5001-8000	128	\$800
8001-11000	108	\$700
11001-14000	70	\$600
14001-19999	116	\$400
20000 +	316	\$300

The anticipated total number of students to receive awards in spring 2020: 1,351. Total estimated amount to be awarded in spring 2020: \$1,066,383. + Part-time students will receive proportional grant awards

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