



Betsy DeVos
The Secretary of Education
Washington, DC 20200

CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Status Report #3
August 25, 2020

On April 9, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Education issued a letter to all institutions of higher education detailing how \$12.56 billion from the Education Stabilization Fund of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act would be distributed. The University of Guam was allocated \$4,564,698 from the fund, of which fifty percent (50%) or \$2,282,349, is to be awarded directly to students to provide emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

As part of receiving these funds, the University is required to submit a report to the Secretary thirty (30) days and updated every 45 days thereafter. The report should describe how funds were distributed to students. The University provides the following information:

1. The University of Guam confirms and acknowledges that the Certification of Agreement for the first half was signed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education and will use the total amount of \$2,282,349 received under as direct aid to eligible students.
2. At the beginning of this process, we estimated that 3,221 students had the potential to be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants. As of **06/11/2020**, the University paid **\$2,282,349** to **3,221** students. The University paid an additional **\$19,995.71** to **33** students through the institutional share of the CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.
3. It was determined that a UOG student enrolled in the Fåñomnåkan 2020 semester as of March 14, 2020 and met the CARES Act eligibility requirements would receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. The grant amount would be determined by the students' status as of March 14, 2020 of being a full-time or part-time student as defined by the undergraduate and graduate catalogs. Grant amounts were determined to be \$747.03 for a full-time student and \$560.27 for a part-time student. U.S. Department of Education provided additional comments that have led the University of Guam to conclude that students may not need to ensure Title IV eligibility in order to receive the emergency financial aid grants. As a result, an additional 33 students were provided funds.
4. No new activity to report under the student portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund since Report #2.
5. The University has dedicated a page on its website containing guidance and information to students, faculty, staff, and the entire community, on the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and can be found at <https://www.uog.edu/cares-act>.

Respectfully Submitted,

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