

## Wilkes University

01/10/2022 Quarterly Report

Final CARES Act Emergency Grant Fund Report HEERF I

CARES II Emergency Grants & Institutional Report HEERF II

Quarterly CARE III Emergency Grants & Institutional Report HEERF III

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748), which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding

December 27, 2020 the President of the United States signed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). The CARES II Act provides

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Final CARES I Emergency Grants HEERF I

Final CARES II Emergency Grants HEERF II

Initial CARES III Emergency Grants HEERF III

### **Certification**

Wilkes University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students on April 13, 2020. Wilkes will use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

**Student Eligibility**

The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.\*

2,914

\* For the purposes of this report, institutions may determine the number of eligible students based on the number of students for whom the institution has received an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) plus the number of students who completed an alternative application form developed by the institution for this purpose.

**Grants distributed to students under CARES I Emergency Grants –  
HEERF I as of August 31, 2020 - Final Report**

Total amount of funds Wilkes has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students was *\$1,201,723*

**Method Used to Determine Students' Eligibility**

**CARES I:**

In order to be considered, in addition to a formal CARES Act Student Application for Emergency Aid, a student must have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA was used to establish Title IV eligibility and to calculate an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Preference for funding was given to students whose EFC met the

*GROUP 3:* Since funding was not exhausted through awards made to students in Groups 1 and 2, undergraduate students who were not Pell eligible but had an EFC of 15,000 or lower were invited to apply for CARES II funding if their family had financial needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. A formal application was provided to the students at that time.

*Information for Students:*

-19 site and also sent to

students via direct e-mail. Students were also able to contact the Office of Student Financial Services directly at (570) 408-4512 or [financialaid@wilkes.edu](mailto:financialaid@wilkes.edu).

**CARE III (HEERF III):**

Pell eligible students with an EFC other than 0 were invited to apply for CARES II funding if their family had financial needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. A formal electronic application for funding was made available to the students. The application summarized some of attendance). Caps were established for the amount awarded for each component of the cost of attendance.

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Wilkes University Senior Administration evaluated student eligibility and how much they would receive under the HEERF III program by reviewing student financial need. The Student Financial Service Office grouped the students into tiers of based on EFC, and awarded funds fairly based on the groupings and numbers of students within each tier. HEERF III Grants are/were disbursed directly to student accounts and students were notified they must notify the Bursar of their decision to have the grant refunded or authorize the university to retain the funds on the student account to pay tuition and fees. If a student does not communicate their intent within the Title IV refund timeline, the grant will be immediately refunded to the student via paper check or eRefund.

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