

Letter of Compliance: Cares Act, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

<https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg>

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter serves as confirmation that Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science acknowledges that our institution signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and that RFU has used, or intends to use, the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50 percent of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants to students. The amount of funds RFU received under the HEERF student portion of the Cares Act totaled **\$300,296.00**.

As of the issuance of this letter, RFU has disbursed a total of **\$282,250.00** directly to students as HEERF grants.

The process RFU has developed to determine which students did or will receive HEERF grants and how much funding they receive included an application process using an online Google Form application and announced to all current students regarding the availability of CARES Act funds. The requirements for consideration included enrollment in on-campus coursework, submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and the student providing clear indication that they experienced disruption specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic within their application/submission. The review process included an academic and financial evaluation of each submitted application and utilized an award rubric with tiered awards intended to provide an equitable amount of funding to students based on the level of disruption and emergency they experienced. (see Appendix)

All students who submitted applications through this process were considered. RFU has received **393** applications as of the issuance of this letter. Of these applications, **303** resulted in approved disbursements of HEERF emergency grants. The estimated total number of students at RFU eligible to have participated in this program under [Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended \(HEA\)](#), and therefore eligible to have applied for an emergency grant included a total of **1,765** students.

During this time, RFU has been committed to supporting students and has continued to pay all of its employees and contractors during the period of disruption or closures to the greatest extent practicable and is currently in compliance with Section 18006 of the Cares Act. This letter constitutes our commitment to meet and exceed all the reporting requirements associated with receipt and use of all CARES Act funds.

Sincerely,

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