

CARES Act Direct Aid to Students Report

University of Baltimore UBalt CARES Grants Direct Aid to Student Cumulative Quarterly Report April 10, 2022

***Edited 2/10/23 to include quarterly disbursement total under #3.**

As per US Department of Education guidance - the University of Baltimore submits an initial 30-day report, following our April 21, 2020 submission of CARES Act application and certification for funds allocated under 18004(a)(1).

1. The University of Baltimore (UBalt) acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement on April 21, 2020 and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. UBalt acknowledges receiving two supplemental grants. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSSA/HEERF II), 2021 Supplemental Agreement (CFDA 84.425E) ((a)(1) Student Aid Portion) on March 20, 2021 and the America Rescue Plan (ARP/HEERF III) on June 11, 2021.
2. The total amount of funds the institution received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, which for UBalt received is **.\$6,106,086:**

Program Name	Award #	Amount
CARES/HEERFI	P425E202924	\$1,162,973
CRRSSA/HEERF II	P425E202924	\$1,162,973
ARP/HEERF III	P425E202924	\$3,780,140
Cumulative total:		\$6,106,086

3. The total cumulative amount of UBalt Cares Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **\$4,934,071.59** through **March 31, 2022** . The total amount disbursed for the quarter ranging from January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 is \$1,111,165.10. UBalt's reporting dates were May 21, July 6, and August 21, 2020. Beginning September 30, 2020, quarterly reports will be published on October 10, 2020, January 10, April 10, July 10, 2021, and each quarter thereafter unless the Secretary specifies an alternative method of funding.
4. UBalt estimated the 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 to be:

- **2,523 on May 8, 2020**, for the spring 2020 semester .
- **464 on June 10, 2020**, for the summer 2020 semester.
- **2,221 on September 9, 2020**, for the fall 2020 semester.
- **2,432 on February 2, 2021**, for the spring 2021 semester.
- **433 on June 7, 2021**, for the summer 2021 semester.
- **2,473 on September 8, 2021**, for the fall 2021 semester.
- **2,281 on February 9, 2022**, for the spring 2022 semester.

5. The total number of students who have received a UBalt CARES Act to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **1,922** .

6. UBalt used the following methods to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. :

- A student must be currently enrolled or was enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credits) in a Title IV eligible UBalt degree or certificate program for spring 2020 semester on or after March 13, 2020.
- A student must not have been enrolled in an exclusively online program on or before March 13, 2020.
- The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 Supplemental Agreement (CFDA 84.425E) ((a)(1) Student Aid Portion) removed this requirement and went into effect as of December 27, 2020 .
- A student must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements.
- A student must have filed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for spring and summer 2020 semesters or a 2020-2021 FAFSA for the fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 2021 semesters-and have met the criteria as outlined in section 484-Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to participate in Title IV programs.
- For the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters a student must have filed a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) except for international students, who were eligible to apply for a grant if they met all requirements other than completing a FAFSA Application .
- In order to receive emergency grant funding, eligible students must apply online through the UBalt CARES Act application to explain and certify how they were affected by the disruption of campus operations in one or more of the following allowable cost of attendance components: food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care.
- Submitted applications are reviewed by selected staff members within the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) and approved grant amounts are determined using a modified version of the 2019-2020 Cost of Attendance (</admission/financial-aid/aid-basics>

/2019-2020_COA_Estimates.pdf) (spring/summer 2020 semesters) , 2020-2021 Cost of Attendance (/admission/ financial-aid/ aid-basics/ 2020-2021_COA_Estimates.pdf) (fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 2021 semesters), and the 2021-2022 Cost of attendance (/admission / financial-aid/ aid-basics / 2021-2022_Cost_of_Attendance.pdf) (fall 2021 semester).

- The minimum grant amount is \$300, and the maximum grant amount was \$1,500 for the spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 2021 semesters. For the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semester the maximum grant amount was \$2,000.
- For the spring 2020 semester, UBalt set a priority consideration date of May 17, 2020, and a deadline for submission of applications as May 22, 2020.
- For the summer 2020, fall 2020 , spring 2021 , summer 2021 semesters, fall 2021, and spring 2022 semester, the application was available to students the first day of the term, and applications were reviewed after the term add/drop dates.
- Beginning on August 26, 2021 students in good academic standing that had completed a 2020-2021 FAFSA Application were notified via email of the option of complete a HEERF Authorization Form to have HEERF funds applied directly to their outstanding balances. The maximum amount applied was \$3,000 per student.
- Approved grants are processed through the Comptroller of Maryland as check to the students' local address on file or by direct deposit if the student has enrolled.

7. The following steps were taken by UBalt to provide instructions, directions, or guidance to students concerning the UBalt CARES Grant:

- The Office of the president sent emails to the entire UBalt population on May 8, 2020 announcing the UBalt CARES Grant and other UBalt emergency grants available to students affected by COVID-19.
- The Office of Financial Aid sent the following email on May 8, 2020 to eligible UBalt CARES Grant students:
Dear Student,

The Office of the President recently announced the UBalt CARES Grant. The Office of Financial Aid is overseeing the application process for processing funds available through the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The current eligibility requirements are restrictive; therefore, not all applicants will qualify. To review the eligibility requirements and submit an application, please visit UBalt Cares Grant (/admission/financial-aid/ub-cares-grant.cfm).

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- The Office of Financial Aid sent the following email on June 15, 2020 to eligible UBalt CARES Grant students enrolled in the summer 2020 semester:
Dear Student,

Based on your summer 2020 semester enrollment and completion of the 2019-2020 FAFSA Application, you may be eligible to apply for federal emergency grant funds.

The Office of Financial Aid is overseeing the application process for processing funds available through the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The current eligibility requirements are restrictive; therefore, not all applicants will qualify. To review the eligibility requirements and submit an application, please visit UBalt Cares Grant (/ admission/ financial-aid/ ub-cares-grant. cfm).

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- The following email address was created and is overseen the by Office of Financial Aid for all UBalt CARES Grant inquiries and communication of application decisions: *ubcaresactgrants@ubalt.edu (mailto:ubcaresactgrants@ubalt.edu)*.
- UBalt published the following website with the application link, grant criteria, and an FAQ: *http://www.ubalt.edu/admission/financial-aid/ub-cares-grant.cfm (/admission / financial-aid/ ub-cares-grant. cfm)*.
- The Office of Financial Aid sent the following email on October 14, 2020 to eligible UBalt CARES Grant students enrolled in the fall 2020 semester:

Dear Student

Based on your fall 2020 semester enrollment and completion of the 2020-2021 FAFSA Application, you may be eligible to apply for federal emergency grant funds. The Office of Financial Aid is overseeing the application process for processing funds available through the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

The CARES grant will assist students experiencing financial hardships with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as (not a complete list):

- *Assistance with the purchase of food*
- *Needs related to housing/rent/utilities*
- *The purchase of course materials*
- *Technology related needs*
- *Assistance with health care and/or childcare expenses*

For the fall 2020 term students must be:

- *A new or continuing student who is currently enrolled at least half-time in a Title IV eligible UBalt degree or certificate program. For fall/spring semesters half-time enrollment is 6 credits.*
- *Must have filed a 2020-2021 FAFSA Application .*
- *Be a US citizen or meet the definition of an eligible non-citizen based on federal financial aid requirements.*

*The current eligibility requirements are restrictive; therefore, not all applicants will qualify. **Approved grants must be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of***

campus operations due to the coronavirus that have impacted the student's educational experience. To submit an application please visit UBalt Cares Grant (/admission/financial-aid/ub-cares-grant.cfm).

- For the spring 2021 semester the following message was posted to the UBalt Daily Digest sent to students daily from 4/29/21 to 5/6/21:
Headline: CARES/HEERF II Grants Available to Students

Description:

Students may now apply for grants made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). The UBalt CARES & HEERF grants are provided by the U.S. Department of Education to support students who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility criteria and the application to apply is available on the UBalt CARES/HEERF Grant (/admission/financial-aid/ub-cares-grant.cfm)S webpage. The application deadline for the spring 2021 semester is **May 11, 2021**. The website will continue to be updated with information for applying for future terms.

Students that do not qualify for the CARES/HEERF Grants may be eligible to apply for The University of Baltimore Student Emergency Assistance Fund (/about-ub/offices-and-services/dean-of-students/UB%20Student%20Emergency%20Grant%20Fund.cfm) developed by the Offices of Student Support and Financial Aid in partnership with Institutional Advancement and numerous generous alumni and supporters to establish a network of support for students.

For additional questions please email ubcarescatgrants@ubalt.edu
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- For the summer 2021 semester the following message was posted to the UBalt Daily Digest sent to students daily from 7/16/21 to 7/23/21:

Headline: CARES/HEERF II Grants Available to Students - Summer 2021

This is to inform all members of The University of Baltimore community students may apply for grants made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). The U.S. Department of Education provides the UBalt HEERF grants to support students who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility criteria and the application to apply are available on the UBalt CARES/HEERF Grants (/admission/financial-aid/ub-cares-grant.cfm)webpage.

- The application deadline for the summer 2021 term is **August 10, 2021**.
- Students not enrolled in the summer term, but that will be attending the fall 2021

term may begin applying the first day of the term.

- Students that do not qualify for the CARES/HEERF Grants may be eligible to apply for The University of Baltimore Student Emergency Assistance Fund (!about-ub /offices-and-services/dean-of-students /UB%20Student%20Emergency%20Grant%20Fund.cfm) developed by the Offices of Student Support and Financial Aid in partnership with Institutional Advancement and numerous generous alumni and supporters to establish a network of support for students.

For additional questions, please email ubcaresactgrants@ubalt.edu.

- The Office of Financial Aid sent the following email on October 14, 2021, to eligible UBalt CARES/HEERF Grant students enrolled in the fall 2021 semester:

Dear Student,

Based on your fall 2021 semester enrollment and completion of the 2021-2022 FAFSA Application, **you may be eligible to apply for federal emergency grant funds** through the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) (/admission/financial-aid/ub-cares-grant.cfm).

Please note that **your eligibility** to receive the funds **will be evaluated based on the following criteria** -not all applicants will qualify:

- Must be a new or continuing student who is currently enrolled for **fall 2021**.
- Must be enrolled **at least half-time** (6 credits or more) in a UBalt degree or certificate program
- Must have filed the 2021-2022 FAFSA Application
- Must meet the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement (/admission/financial-aid/aid-basics/policies/sap.cfm)

If you meet the eligibility criteria, please complete the **UBalt CARES/HEERF Grant Application** (<https://www.ubalt.edu/secure/cares/index.cfm>) by using your MyUB login information. **The deadline to apply for the fall 2021 semester is December 14, 2021.** The Office of Financial Aid will process your application and notify you of your status within 5 business days.

If you have questions, please email ubcaresactgrants@ubalt.edu (<mailto:ubcaresactgrants@ubalt.edu>). With UBaltPride,

Office of Financial Aid

- For the spring 2022 semester the following message was posted to the UBalt Daily Digest sent to students daily from 2/4/22 to 2/11/22:

Headline: CARES/HEERF II Grants Available to Students

Description:

This is to inform all members of The University of Baltimore community students may now apply for grants made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) for the **Spring 2022 Term**. The U.S. Department of Education provides the UBalt CARES & HEERF grants to support students who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility criteria and the application to apply are available on the UBalt CARES/HEERF Grants (<https://www.ubalt.edu/admission/financial-aid/ub-cares-grant.cfm>) webpage .

Students that do not qualify for the CARES/HEERF Grants may be eligible to apply for The University of Baltimore Student Emergency Assistance Fund (<https://www.ubalt.edu/about-ub/offices-and-services/dean-of-students>

[/UB%20Student%20Emergency%20Grant%20Fund.cfm](#)) developed by the Offices of Student Support and Financial Aid in partnership with Institutional Advancement and numerous generous alumni and supporters to establish a network of support for student s.

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You may also view previous CARES Act Direct Aid reports ([/admission/financial-aid/cares-act-direct-aid-past-reports.cfm](#)).