



Financial Aid, Veterans & Scholarship Services

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting

On March 31, 2020, in response to the Coronavirus epidemic, Congress passed the CARES Act, which included Education Stabilization Funds {Section 18004(a)(1)} to be distributed to higher education institutions. Of the funds each school received, at least 50% is required to be disbursed directly to students as Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) grants. On April 15, 2020, Dr. Jack Kahn signed and submitted the CARES Funding Certification and Agreement. Palomar College received HEERF grants funds on April 28, 2020. In compliance with requirements in the law to report on these funds 30 days after receipt of the funds and every 45 days thereafter, the college is providing the following information:

### TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED

Palomar College was allocated \$7,702,862 in Education Stabilization Funds. Of that amount at least 50% is required to be paid to students in the form of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants. The amount of funds being made available to students is \$3,851,431. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was signed into law to provide additional economic relief from COVID-19. One section of the CRRSA Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund part II. The amount of funds being made available to students is an additional \$3,851,431.

### HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY FUND GRANTS

The estimated total number of students at Palomar College, 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 is listed in the chart below:

Reporting Date	Number of Eligible Students	Amount Disbursed	Number of Recipients
May 28,2020	5,855	Pending	Pending
July 12, 2020	5,855	\$1,289,250	1,719
August 26, 2020	12,965	\$2,333,250	3,111
October 9, 2020	12,965	\$3,054,750	4,073
November 20, 2020	12,965	\$3,197,250	4,263
January 26, 2021	12,965	\$3,849,931	5,134
March 11, 2021	12,965	\$5,350,875	7,264
April 22, 2021	12,965	\$5,566,500	7,582
June 4, 2021	12,965	\$5,715,000	7,801
July 27, 2021	12,965	\$6,375,750	8,670

*These totals represent aggregated totals as of the date posted.*

*Rows that are shaded are mandatory reporting dates (every 45 days).*

### FUNDING METHODOLOGY

The College determined \$750 to be a reasonable HEERF Grant amount. This was based on the number of students applying for other institutional funds to purchase computers and technological support equipment to accommodate classes converting to online teaching. An online application is being created to identify Title IV eligible students and allow them to indicate that they had incurred expenses due to the campus disruption and conversion to online education. Students will be awarded as they apply until funds are exhausted. The application was available to students on May 28, 2020. In addition, eligible students who have already applied for COVID grant funds from campus sources have been identified and will be given priority in awarding the HEERF Grants.

HEERF Grants are disbursed by check to students, in the same manner as other federal student aid funds. Student are instructed that the funds are provided to cover expenses incurred due to campus disruption caused by the COVID-19 epidemic