

# CARES Act Funding

## Overview

The University of Alaska Southeast acknowledges that we have signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and we have awarded and will continue to award the student portion of the CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$186,470. These awards will help with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. UAS's plan for the CARES Act is to assist students with the greatest need, in accordance with federal guidelines and to set aside some funding for the emergency relief fund. Approximately, 707 students are eligible for these funds for the spring 2021 semester.

Awards are broken into two separate categories: UAS CARES Emergency Grant, and UAS CARES Emergency Funding

## UAS CARES Emergency Grant

Students who were identified as having the greatest need were selected based on Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) range from information provided on the FAFSA and the number of face-to-face classes that were switched to online in March. A total of \$329,884.75 (88% of the HEERF1 and HEERF2 allocation) is allocated to students who qualify. Students need not apply for this award, it will be posted to student accounts and refunds will occur shortly afterwards. Recipients of this group will be notified directly via email.

As of a total of \$324,984.75 has been awarded to students. Because of changes in eligibility between HEERF1 and HEERF 2, different criteria was used for the first two distributions of Emergency Grants. Below is a breakdown of amounts awarded based on eligibility criteria:

As of April 9, 2021, \$233,134.75 to 534 students based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Spring 2021 registration
- Admitted into a UAS primary degree program or certificate
- Submitted a FAFSA
- Eligible for Title IV aid
- Prioritizing Pell eligible EFC ranges and remaining funding to students who have an EFC up to 15000

As of April 9, 2021, \$91,850 has been disbursed to 327 students based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Spring 2020 registration
- UAS primary degree program or certificate
- Title IV eligible only
- Meeting SAP
- Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) range from information provided on the FAFSA and the number of face-to-face classes that were switched to online in March

## UAS CARES Emergency Fund

\$43,055.25 (12% of the HEERF1 and HEERF2 allocation) has been allocated to this program. This provides a mechanism for students who did not meet the greatest need criteria to apply for assistance with qualifying expenses due to the coronavirus disruption. To receive assistance under this program, students may submit an [electronic request form along](#) with supporting documentation.

As of April 9, 2021, we have disbursed \$43,055.25 to 30 students. Funds were disbursed based on the following eligibility criteria:

- UAS primary degree program or certificate
- Title IV eligible only
- Meeting SAP
- Cannot replace wages for dislocated student employees
- Cannot be used to pay a UA bill directly (student can use for this purpose once it has been distributed to them if that is their wish)

Can include food, shelter, medical needs, transportation needs, childcare, equipment/connectivity access, and communications.