HEERF II (CRRSAA) 30 Day Interim Report - May 15, 2021

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, was signed on December 27, 2020 by the President of the United States and authorizes the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) which provides support to higher education institutions to ensure learning continues for students during the COVID-19 pandemic. The following information is provided by Wesleyan University as required by the Department of Education ("ED") in order to comply with the reporting requirements. This report represents Wesleyan's 30-day Interim report and is dated May 15, 2021.

 An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Wesleyan University signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the US Department of Education by drawing down funds on April 15, 2021 for the HEERF II Funds for students. In keeping with the terms of the certification, Wesleyan University will provide the same amount in grants to students from CRRSAA funds that it was required to provide under the original Coronavirus, Relief, and Economic Securities Act (CARES Act) Student Aid Portion award. These grants provided to students can be used toward any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to Coronavirus.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) program.

Wesleyan University received a total of 1,128,543 under CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) of the CARES Act, to be provided to students for student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the Coronavirus.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) program as of the date of submission (*i.e.,* as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of May 15, 2021, a total of \$1,128,700 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been awarded to students.

 The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a) (1) and (a)(4) programs.

Wesleyan University estimates approximately 1,075 students are Title IV eligible as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) program of the CARES Act.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) program.

As of May 15, 2021, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program is 530.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Wesleyan University formed a committee to determine the method and criteria for funding. Students who demonstrated institutional financial need and who certified that they incurred eligible expenses as set forth by CRRSAA were determined to meet the qualifications for grant funding.

Two funding levels based upon institutional financial need were established: students with a parent contribution of \$20,000 or less with eligible expenses received grants of \$2,250; students with a parent contribution greater than \$20,000 with institutional need received grants of \$1,525.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

On March 9, 2021, an <u>email</u> with a link to a <u>certification form</u> was sent to eligible students as defined in question #6 above. The certification form described the eligibility requirements for CRRSAA funding. The form requested that students certify whether or not they incurred eligible expenses. As of May 15, 2021, 548 students responded to the certification. 530 certified that they had incurred eligible expenses.