The following information provides public disclosure and assures compliance with the United States Department of Education requirements related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

1. UPR Mayagüez signed and returned to the Department of Education Certification and Agreement required under the CARES Act. As well, received supplemental funds provided by the CRRSAA and APR. We acknowledge and assure that UPR Mayaguez intent to use the appropriate amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2. The supplemental award from the Department of Education under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA to UPR Mayagüez is $ 9,829,063.00. Pursuant to ARP section 2003 (a)(1) UPR Mayagüez was granted $27,149,106.00.

3. For section 314(a)(1), as of June 30, 2021, UPR Mayagüez has already distributed $9,144,944.71 to 10,812 eligible students (10,265 Undergraduates and 547 Graduates). As of September 30, 2021, we distributed a total of $9,263,223.98 to 10,886 eligible students (10,330 Undergraduates and 556 Graduates). All students received an equal amount of $850.93.

For section 2003 (a)(1) as of September 30, 2021, a total of $11,146,020.00 were distributed to eligible students. On July 29, 2021, we distributed a total of $718,932.00 to 3,972 eligible students enrolled during the summer session. All students received an equal amount of $181.00. The second round of aids awarded $10,427,088.00 for the Fall term to 10,794 eligible students. All students received an equal amount of $1,000.00.

4. UPR Mayagüez has estimated that 11,538 students could participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

5. For Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA UPR Mayagüez has awarded 10,812 emergency grants to eligible students. Under ARP section 2003 (a)(1), UPR Mayagüez awarded 14,766 emergency grants (Non-Unique Students).
6. UPR Mayagüez determined that all eligible students entitled for Emergency Grants to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 will receive an equal amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA and section 2003 (a)(1) of ARP. For CRRSAA, the selection process excluded students not working towards a degree or non-US Citizens. For ARP only excluded students not working towards a degree.

7. UPRM Mayagüez developed the following portal: https://www.uprm.edu/portada/cares-act/ to inform students of the instructions, directions, or guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Through e-mails, we sent information regarding the following: eligibility requirements, how to apply, reminders, and payment date announcements. Students’ questions are answered as well, by e-mails, phone calls to the Economic Aid Office and Chancellor’s Office, and through www.oficinavirtual.uprm.edu.

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