

<u>UPR Mayagüez HEERF II & III - Student Aid Update Report - March 31,</u> 2022 (Grant Number P425E200957)

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 (UPRM) 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 UPRM 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 Pursuant to ARP section 2003 (a)(1) UPRM was granted **\$27,149,106.00**.
- **3.** For section 2003 (a)(1) as of **March 31, 2021**, a total of **\$21,393,932.00** were distributed to eligible students.
 - a. On July 29, 2021, UPRM distributed **\$718,932.00** to **3,972** eligible students enrolled during the summer session. All students received an equal amount of \$181.00.
 - b. For the Fall term (2021-2022) UPRM awarded **\$11,059,000.00** to **11,059** eligible students. All students received an equal amount of \$**1,000.00**.
 - c. For the Spring term (2021-2022), on February 4, 2022, UPRM awarded a total of **\$9,835,000.00** to **9,835** students. All students received an equal amount of **\$1,000.00**.

The remaining funds will be distributed among eligible students who still haven't received the award for spring 2021-2022 term, a remanent among all eligible students, and emergency grants for the summer 2022 term.

- 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. Under ARP section 2003 (a)(1), UPR Mayagüez awarded **24,866** 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: <u>https://www.uprm.edu/portada/cares- act/</u> 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 throughwww.oficinavirtual.uprm.edu.

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