

# The University of Tennessee at Martin CARES Act Funding

## 75 Day Report and Disclosure

The University of Tennessee at Martin has been awarded \$5,110,311 in federal funding based on section 18004(a) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) created as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act.

The University of Tennessee at Martin acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on May 1, 2020, and gives the assurance that UT intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The University of Tennessee at Martin also has been awarded \$249,557 from section 18004(a)(2) as part of the CARES Act's Strengthening Institutions Program.

## UT Martin CARES Act Quick Facts (as of July 13, 2020)

Funding Available to Students	\$2,155,156
Students Eligible for CARES Act Funding	4,091
Student Block Grant Award Recipients	2,914
Student Emergency Fund Recipients (CARES Act portion only)	0
Total Block Grant and Emergency Fund Student Recipients	2,914

## Student Block Grant Awards

The University continues to distribute funds to eligible students through block grant awards. Block grant awards were not applied to outstanding balances on student accounts. Student eligibility for the block grant award was limited to students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester and who met the following criteria:

- Students had to be eligible for Title IV aid as determined by the 2019 - 2020 FAFSA. This included meeting satisfactory academic progress (SAP) standards and resolving any outstanding eligibility requirements from the FAFSA.

- Students must not had been enrolled in a program that is conducted exclusively online as of March 13, 2020. Students whose program was not exclusively online, but who were enrolled in all online Spring 2020 courses as of March 13, 2020, were not eligible for a Block Grant Award but were entitled to apply for aid through the Student Emergency Fund process outlined below.

The University has determined eligibility for the block grant awards. Block awards amounts considered portions of the cost of attendance expenses for housing, food, and technology. Students did not have to complete a separate application to receive them. Eligible students received the following awards based on their expected family contribution (EFC) range:

<b>Group</b>	<b>EFC Range</b>	<b>Award</b>
Undergraduate and Graduate Students	0-5,576	\$640
Undergraduate and Graduate Students	5,577-10,000	\$640
Undergraduate and Graduate Students	Above 10,000	\$433

The maximum a student can receive through the application for *additional* funds cannot exceed the Pell amount for 2019-20, which is \$6195--that is the application amount PLUS the original award offer of either \$640 or \$430 cannot exceed \$6195.

## Student Emergency Fund

The University has made additional funds available from the HEERF through the CARES Emergency Fund. Students are eligible to [apply](#) for these additional emergency funds for the following reasons, on an as-needed basis, if they have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, are Title IV aid-eligible, and are not enrolled in a program that is exclusively online:

- Essential academic needs (e.g. books and supplies)
- Replacement of lost personal items due to the coronavirus pandemic
- Housing needs (e.g. securing short-term housing, security deposits, assistance with utilities, etc.)
- One-time / non-recurring medical expenses
- Emergency expenses related to dependents (e.g. childcare)
- Other allowable expenses outlined by the CARES Act and any subsequent allowable expense guidance offered by the U.S. Department of Education

## Questions

Questions about the CARES Act Funding and Student Emergency Fund should be directed to Dr. Jamie Mantooth, executive director of enrollment services and student engagement, by emailing [mantooth@utm.edu](mailto:mantooth@utm.edu) or by calling (731) 881-7053.

## Additional Resources

- [UTM CARES Act Certification and Agreement Student 5.1.2020](#)
- [UTM CARES Act Certification and Agreement Institutional 5.1.2020](#)
- [UTM CARES Act Student Email 5.27.2020](#)
- [UTM Block Grant Estimates](#)