

07/01/2021

Bellus Academy (OPE ID: 023434, 0112026 & 007050) received education stabilization funds under Section 314 (a)(4) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

Bellus Academy signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. Bellus Academy has used 100 percent of the funds received under Section 314 (a)(4) of the CRRSAA to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

The total amount of funds that Bellus Academy received from the Department pursuant to Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$517,376 (Poway & Kansas), \$182,682 (El Cajon) & \$293,733 (Chula Vista).

The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 314 (a)(4) of the CRRSAA as of the date of this Fund Report is \$358,750 (Poway & Kansas), \$127,200 (El Cajon) & \$221,700 (Chula Vista).

The estimated total number of students at Bellus Academy eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under Section 314 (a)(4) of the CRRSAA, as of the date of this Fund Report is 297 (Poway & Kansas), 117 (El Cajon) & 201 (Chula Vista).

The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 314 (a)(4) of the CRRSAA as of the date of this Fund Report is 297 (Poway & Kansas), 117 (El Cajon) & 201 (Chula Vista).

The methods used by Bellus Academy to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under Section 314 (a)(4) of the CRRSAA are provided at Attachment A.

Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Bellus Academy to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are provided at Attachment B.



Policy / Procedure Name:	HEERF II (CRRSAA) Grant Awards and Disbursement				
Approval Authority:	Compliance	Effective:	02/17/2021	Reviewed:	02/17/2021
Responsible Executive:	Compliance Director		Contact:	Becky Herrera	

Policy/Procedure Statement

The determination and dissemination of the HEERF II CRRSAA Grant will be the responsibility of the Business Office and Financial Aid Department. Below is an outline of how this process should be handled by the Business Office and Financial Aid Representative for all eligible Title IV students.

Reason for Policy

To ensure that students from our institution who need financial support for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus, receive grant funds from the HEERF II Grant.

Who Should Read This Policy

Financial Aid, Business Office, Compliance

The Policy/Procedure

Only students who are receiving Title IV with Bellus Academy may receive funds from the HEERF II grant. Any students not using Title IV with Bellus Academy are not eligible for grant funds due to the potential risk of them receiving multiple HEERF II grants. **Change effective 09/01/2021 – Students that did not use Title IV may also be eligible.**

Student eligibility requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the grant. Requirements are that a student complete the FAFSA application for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, resolved all C codes, and completed verification if selected by ED or by the school. **Change effective 09/01/2021 – Students that did not use Title IV may also be eligible.**

Students in a Currently Attending and Leave of Absence status as of April 27th will be included in the 1st awarding of funds.

Students that have been withdrawn or graduated from Bellus Academy as of April 27th will not be eligible for grant funds.

There will be consideration of Professional Judgment based on circumstances for students that may have a change in EFC.

Students will receive the HEERF II grant eligibility amount in one payment. Award amount will be determined based on greatest need. Students 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 EFC will be used to determine the range in which the student is eligible.

EFC tiers are as follow:

Tier 1: EFC Range 0-2900

Tier 2: EFC Range 2901-5711

Tier 3: EFC Range 5712-999999

Maximum and minimum amounts vary per campus

Change effective 09/01/2021 – Students that did not use Title IV will receive a flat amount.

Eligible students will be sent an award letter outlining how the school determined their eligibility, how much they are eligible for and how funds should be used. This will not require a signature from the student in order to release funds. A copy will be placed in the Financial Aid office.

Students that do not cash their checks within 90 days, will be contacted directly to ensure address is correct. Any grant funds that are declined by the student will be reissued to another eligible student.

Business Office Responsibilities:

1. Disburse eligibility check to students
2. Track checks issued to students
3. Determine uncashed checks at 30 days for possible reissue

Financial Aid Responsibilities:

1. Determine Title IV eligible students
2. Determine students eligible for HEERF II grant funds
3. Disseminate award letters to eligible students by email

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Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021
(CRRSAA)

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Each Title IV recipient will be eligible for only one grant disbursement which will be sent in the form of direct deposit through **Bill.com** (if set up) or physical check to the address on file.

Based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 FAFSA and the Tier system that has been created by Bellus Academy, it has been determined that you are eligible for a grant in the amount of \$_____.

By accepting the Electronic transfer of funds (EFT) or cashing/depositing the check, you attest that the Emergency Financial Aid Grant will be used to help cover cost of attendance or for emergency costs due to the Coronavirus pandemic. You understand that the administration of the school has determined the eligibility for grant monies based on the 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 FAFSA.

A copy of this form has been placed in your Financial Aid file located at the campus location you physically attend.

Any questions regarding this award, should be directed towards your campus Financial Aid Representative.

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