

# **CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**

## **1. Certification and Agreement**

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Kenyon College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Kenyon College received its allocation of funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to student impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

## **2. Eligible Funding Amount**

Kenyon College is eligible to receive up to \$2,137,530 in HEERF Student Share Grant Funds. While the College has received confirmation of the availability of these funds, the College has not drawn down the available funds.

## **3. Amounts Distributed to date**

As of the September 30, 2021, the College has distributed \$474,087.02 in emergency relief to it's students. The College has developed an online application process for students to request emergency relief funding, and made the application available in June 2020. The College is processing payments as applications are approved.

## **4. Estimated Number of Eligible Students**

Kenyon College estimates that approximately 1,600 students may be eligible for the HEERF Student Share Grant Funds.

## **5. Total Number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act**

As of September 30, 2021, 429 students have received HEERF Student Share Grants. The College has developed an online application process for students to request emergency relief funding, and made the application available in June 2020. The College is processing payments as applications are approved.

## **6. Method used to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

Kenyon College has created an application that students with hardships can apply to receive funding. Priority is given to highest need students, but all students with documented hardship expenses may also apply. Funding limits will be established by category with an overall cap to ensure that all students have access to funding.

## **7. Instructions, directions, and guidance regarding HEERF Student Share Grants**

The College has developed an online application process for students to request emergency relief funding. Upon availability of the online application in June, students were notified of its availability and encouraged to organize expenses related directly to the interruption of on campus activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students were asked submit those expenses as outlined in the online application.