

## **CRRSAA HEERF II EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE - MARCH 31, 2021**

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion has received funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (“CRRSAA”) which created the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (“HEERF II”). Part of the College-Institute’s responsibility under the Act was to provide certain information to the public about the grant and how it was used to provide supplemental emergency grants to students.

### **Overview and Reporting Requirements**

On January 18, 2021 Hebrew Union College Jewish institute of Religion received a supplemental CRRSAA Grant - 314(a)(1) of the Act of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act authorized the Secretary of Education (Secretary.) This is the same amount of 50% of the total CARES grant received in May 2020.

The College-Institute received \$52,084 from the Department of Education, under section 314(a)(1) of the Act, for distribution to students prioritized by need.

All students who have completed a FAFSA and are United States Citizens are eligible for this supplemental grant. We provided grants to all eligible full-time, part-time students.

### **Allocation and Award Data for CRRSAA HEERF II Grant**

- As of March 31, 2021 HUC-JIR has distributed \$36,879 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 69 students under section 314(a)(1) of the Act of the CRRSAA Act.
- HUC-JIR estimates as of March 31, 2021 that 185 students are 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 to students under section 314(a)(1) of the Act of the CRRSAA Act.

## Categories/Methods

HUC-JIR has established two categories of students eligible to receive CRRSAA HEERF II Emergency Grants, section 314(a)(1) of the Act  
Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

1. Block grants to all eligible students who apply
2. Additional hardship grants to students with extreme hardship

### Block Grants

1. Eligible students receive a fixed emergency grants awarded in three categories: \$600, \$400 and \$200 based on EFC of the current FAFSA received from the student. We based the awards on EFC ranges:
  - EFC 0-500        \$600
  - EFC 501-5000    \$400
  - EFC 5000+        \$200
2. Eligibility criteria:
  - All Title IV eligible students with a completed 2020-21 FAFSA
  - Students enrolled part-time or full-time in a HUC-JIR program
3. Students submitted a CRRSAA Relief Fund for Students Certification Form any component of the students' cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.
4. As of March 31, 2021, HUC-JIR out of 185 eligible students HUC-JIR distributed \$36,879 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 69 students under section 314(a)(1) of the Act.
5. HUC-JIR provided the following instructions, directions, or guidance to students concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants:
  - An email announcement to all enrolled, full-time, part-time and 100% distance learning students offering students a HEERF II Emergency

Grant to all who submit an Emergency Financial Aid Grant Certification form and have a completed 2020-21. We now have allowed 2021-22 FAFSAs on file to be considered.

- A CRRSAA Act Relief Fund for Students Certification Form for students to fill out, sign and return to the HUC-JIR Financial Aid Office.

### **Extraordinary Need Hardship Additional Awards**

- Students with exceptional need and hardship are encouraged to apply for additional CRRSAA grants by filling out a Coronavirus Hardship Form to be considered for more funding. This opportunity was announced in the original announcement to students. The Financial Aid Office also encouraged students to apply for an additional grant when appropriate to students who expressed hardship. These additional grants are counted in the total amount of grants and distribution amount mentioned above.