

**CARES Act Emergency Relief Fund – Minority Serving Institutions**  
**Report 9/15/20**  
**North Park University**

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States Signed the CARES Act (H.R. 748), providing emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” This report provides details on the funds North Park University received under the HEERF on June 6, 2020 for Emergency Financial Aid to students under Award No. P425L200183.

**CERTIFICATION**

North Park University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on May 5, 2020. North Park University will use 100% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students to meet emergency technology needs related to campus disruptions caused by coronavirus.

**AWARD**

North Park University received a total of \$169,840 under Section 18004(a)(2) of the HEERF. \$169,840 has been distributed directly to students impacted by campus disruptions due to coronavirus. These funds are from the Department of Education and pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

**FUNDS DISTRIBUTED**

As of 09/15/20, North Park University has distributed 100% of the \$169,840 in funding received under Section 18004(a)(2) - CARES Act Emergency Relief Fund to Minority Serving Institutions to 340 students as \$500 cash grants to meet emergency technology needs related to campus disruptions caused by coronavirus.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

Only students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act. Traditional undergraduate students meeting this eligibility, enrolled in the fall semester of 2020, and receiving 50% of the full Pell grant amount or higher were deemed eligible to receive cash grants for technology purposes using funds received under Section 18004(a)(2).

**METHOD USED TO DETERMINE STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY**

As of 7/17/20, North Park University had 486 students meeting the eligibility criteria outlined above. The method and factors used to determine eligibility with the intent of awarding grants to students with the most financial need and barriers to enrollment and retention related to technology were:

- Enrollment in the Fall semester of 2020
- Enrolled as a traditional undergraduate student
- Demonstrating significant financial need by being awarded 50% or more of the maximum Pell grant amount
- Completion of an Academic Technology Grant Application, indicating technology expenses related to coronavirus.

## INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO STUDENTS

The following email communication was sent out to all eligible students on 7/17/20:

As a result of the federal government-established CARES Act, North Park University has received funding to provide **\$500 Academic Technology Grants** (funds that do NOT need to be paid back at a later date) to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations and greater use of technology due to COVID-19, such as a personal laptop/tablet, educational software, webcam, home internet service or other technology needs related to the campus disruptions.

North Park has a limited number of \$500 Academic Technology Grants available for Fall 2020. These funds will be given on first-come, first-served basis until all available funding has been distributed. Priority has been given to those students who exhibited the most need as a result of filing the 2020-2021 FAFSA. **You have been identified as eligible to receive an Academic Technology Grant. You must complete this [Academic Technology Grant Application](#)** in order to certify your needs for this grant.

After your Academic Technology Grant Application has been reviewed, you will be notified directly by email that your application has been received and if you've been awarded a \$500 Academic Technology Grant.

**Returning Students** to North Park who are eligible for the CARES Technology Grant will begin receiving their direct payments on **Friday, July 31st**.

**Incoming/new students** to North Park will be notified of their Tech Grant beginning on July 22nd. Because of CARES Act enrollment restrictions, the payments will be distributed on **Friday, September 4th**.

We hope that these funds will assist you as you prepare for the Fall 2020 semester.

Please let us know if you have any questions.