

Samford HEERF II Report- Quarter Ending March 31, 2021

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II Reporting

1. On January 17, 2021 Samford University received from the Department of Education its "Supplemental Grant Funds for Students" Notification to receive funding under Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 ("CRRSAA"). The funds available from this grant are also referred to as HEERF II funds. As with the funds awarded to Samford University under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, these funds will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. Samford University received \$1,190,677 pursuant to the institution's Grant Award Notification for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA. The total cumulative allocated

under CARES and CRRSAA for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$2,381,354.

3. \$1,428,120 in CRRSAA Emergency Funds were distributed to Samford students between March 23, 2021 and March 31, 2021. This amount is the totality of all funds spent from Samford's CRRSAA distribution for students. The amount provided exceeds Samford's federal allocation for students of \$1,190,677.
4. Currently enrolled Samford University students who are US citizens are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA. Pursuant to CRRSAA, Samford University is obligated to prioritize grants to students with exceptional need. Eligibility for grants to Samford students was contingent upon the submission of an application. A total of 1,033 CRRSAA applications were received from students.
5. Between March 23, 2021 and March 31, 2021, there were 1,028 Samford students who were awarded and received CRRSAA Emergency funding. The funds were placed on student accounts and the full amounts were immediately released as refunds to the students either by direct deposit or mailed physical check.
6. An application was created for students to use in expressing their desire to receive emergency funding and to what extent their needs existed. All applications were reviewed by a team from the Office of Student Financial Services. Those that were approved received funding consistent with their requests, but no award amount exceeded \$1,750. All funding for students was utilized during this application review process.
7. On February 24, 2021, the Samford Director of Student Financial Services sent an email to the student body alerting all students to the availability of an application for Samford's CRRSAA Emergency Assistance Fund. Students had until March 15, 2021 to apply for funding. Once all applications were reviewed, decisions were made, the students who were to receive a grant were notified by email of the decision. Those who had an application denied were also notified by email concerning the decision.