On December 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Response and relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law by the President of the United States in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The CRRSAA includes additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) funds, referred to as HEERF II, in the amount of $22.7 billion in emergency funding to higher education.

Student Aid

On January 14, 2021 the Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education provided allocations to colleges and universities and instructed colleges and universities to prioritize distribution to students with exceptional need. These funds must be reserved to provide students with financial grants, which may be used for any component of a student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Accordingly, the University of New Haven acknowledges the following:

1. On January 17, 2021, UNH University received notice that a supplemental award has been made to the university under section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA notifying institutions of the minimum amount each institution must reserve for emergency grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds the University received from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA for emergency grants to students is $2,231,398.
3. The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA as of June 30, 2021 is $2,243,150.
4. The estimated number of students at the institution eligible to participate under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA is approximately 4,851.
5. As of June 30, 2021, 2,105 students have received an emergency grant under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA.
6. UNH University used the following method to determine which students may receive emergency grants under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA.
   a. EFC $0 to $999 awarded $1,750
   b. EFC $1,000 to $2,499 awarded $1,400
c. EFC $2,500 to $3,499 awarded $1,200

d. EFC $3,500 to $5,563 awarded $1,000

e. EFC $5,564 to $13,450 awarded $500

f. Title IV eligible graduate students awarded $400

g. Excess funds awarded to Title IV eligible students who experienced a financial hardship

7. The following information was provided by the University of New Haven University to students concerning the emergency grants.

https://www.newhaven.edu/about/departments/one-stop/federal-relief-funding/HEERF-II.php