**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**UNIVERSITY RESPONSE**

1) An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department 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.

   In compliance with the provisions set forth under Section 4504 in Title II of the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, Jackson State University (JSU) will provide CARES Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of the CARES Act is to provide financial support to offset the cost for expenses incurred as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. JSU acknowledges that the University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. The institution further certifies it will use a minimum of 50% of the funds, or $4,223,124.00 received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

   JSU received $8,446,248 from the U.S. Department of Education as a result of the CARES Act, with a minimum of $4,223,124 set aside for student grants and another $4,223,124 allocated as institutional funding. HBCU funds were provided in the amount of $17,310,026.

3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

   As of September 30, 2020, JSU has distributed $890,358 in grants to students through the CARES Act.

4) The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

   The estimated total number of students at JSU 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 (EFA) Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 986.

5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

   As of September 30, 2020, 986 students were awarded and received EFA Grant.

6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

   Jackson State University used a simple questionnaire to determine financial need. The Questionnaire was placed in PAWS account for completion and removed after the final act (ARP) was awarded. Any student meeting criteria were awarded and notified via email.

7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

   Students received fund criteria and instructions to apply for funds via email and posted FAQs. Students were given funds regardless of an account standing with Jackson State University.