



**The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** was signed into law on March 27, 2020. This established and funded the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)** to allocate relief funding to institutions of higher education. This fund was designed specifically to help institutions and students transition from in-person learning to online learning. Since Capella University and its learners did not have to make such a transition, those funds were not available for our institution.

Then on December 27, 2020, the **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)** was signed into law. This law established the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)**, and funding has been made available to institutions of higher learning that offer distance (online) education. The amount allocated to Capella University is based on Capella's number of Federal Pell Grant recipients. Under HEERF II guidelines, 100% of the funds received by proprietary schools (e.g., Capella University) must be paid directly to learners.

In fulfillment of U.S. Department of Education (ED) reporting requirements, Capella University is publicly reporting the following:

**An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned the Grant Award Notification (GAN) & the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, 100% of the funds received to provide HEERF II grants to learners.**

Capella University acknowledges signing and returning the Grant Award Notification (GAN) for learner funding to ED. Capella received its allocation of HEERF II funds on April 27, 2021.

**The total amount of funds the institution will receive or has received from ED.**

Capella University has received \$328,602.00.

**The total amount of HEERF II funds distributed to learners.**

Capella University paid an equal amount to all 1,141 eligible learners. Each learner received \$287.99 (totaling \$328,596.59) on May 5, 2021. At the close of the grant period, the remaining \$5.41 will be de-obligated to Capella University and refunded back to ED.

**The method(s) used by the institution to determine which learners receive HEERF II grants and the amount they would receive.**

Capella University used completed 2020/2021 FAFSA data to determine the population of GuidedPath learners who received HEERF II funds, and either completed 2019/2020 or 2020/2021 FAFSA data for FlexPath learners. Specifically, Capella selected learners who met all of the following criteria:

- Zero EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- Zero or less AGI (Adjusted Gross Income)
- Zero or less Earned Income
- Spring 2021 course registration – for GuidedPath learners, this meant that they were registered for a Spring 2021 course as of April 8, 2021; for FlexPath learners, this meant that they were actively enrolled in course on April 26, 2021
- Confirmed citizenship or eligible non-citizenship status



**Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to learners concerning the HEERF II grants.**

Capella University sent payment notifications, via email, to the 1,141 HEERF II grant recipients on May 5, 2021.