The following information is given to provide public disclosure and to assure compliance with the United States Department of Education requirements related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020. UPR Rio Piedras’s response to the requirement of an update report every 45 days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to the Department.

UPR Río Piedras Response for CARES Act 45-day update report: Grant Number P425E200186

1. On April 21, 2020, UPR Río Piedras -Chancellor signed and sent the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement.
2. UPR Río Piedras decided to use the 50% of the amount authorized to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. The total amount assigned for this purpose was $8,436,810.
3. The maximum number of eligible students was determined by calculating the total amount of enrolled students minus the total of ineligible students. The total of ineligible students came from reports requested to the IT Office. These reports included: students who did not qualify for Title 4 funds for not having academic progress, not being an American citizen or an eligible foreign national, not being ranked under a grade-led curriculum, and those with default federal loans. To determine the amount of the grant for each student, we divided the total amount of funds by the total of eligible students.
4. The University of Río Piedras, along with UPR Central Administration offered instructions and guidance to its constituents (including students) through electronic mails and webpage created for this purpose. Students were recommended to certify their need for Emergency Grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus on or before June 30, 2020. Students that were not able to comply by such time were offered additional time to do this process which has already ended.
5. UPR Río Piedras has distributed $7,128,800 to a total of 10,184 eligible students @ $700 each. At this time we have a unspent balance of $1,308,010.00.
6. During this week (October 13-16, 2020), UPR Río Piedras will distribute any remaining funds of this award among all eligible students.
7. UPR Río Piedras has created a space in our website dedicated to all CARES Act related reports and documents: http://www.uprrp.edu/cares-act/

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