<u>Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II and III Reporting</u> For the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and <u>American Rescue Plan (ARP)</u> <u>Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students</u>

An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Touro University (Touro) hereby certifies that it signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and intends to use the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

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 under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs.

Touro has received a total of **\$398,674** from the Department pursuant to the Institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and **\$971,368** under ARP.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of the date of this 30-day Report Submission, Touro has distributed **\$398,674** to students under 18004(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs

2748 students were estimated as eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and programs.

1430 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and programs.

Touro has developed a system based on federal guidance, for determining how to allocate these funds, in an equitable and non-discriminatory manner to students with exceptional need. The method included distributing the funds to all students who met the Department of Education eligibility criteria to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare). These funds were made available with limited barriers to receipt to students who were:

- enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester: and
- o are "US Citizens" or "other eligible non-Citizens."

According to Touro's criteria, each student who received HEERF II Funds in the period received between **\$50.02** and **\$748.98**.

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

• Touro sent a survey to all eligible students via student email, designed to identify financial hardship due to COVID 19 in a couple of different categories, job loss, housing, food, childcare, and healthcare.

- Students received a reminder to complete the survey every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for two weeks.
- Students received instructions letting them know that if they wished to opt-out of receipt of these funds then they should answer "NO" to all survey questions.
- A Frequently Asked Questions sheet was also posted on Touro's Help Desk website to answer questions students may have had.

*No funds were expended in the 90 days prior to publication of this report. All funds indicated were expenses in a prior quarter. *