

911!

Emergency Grants!

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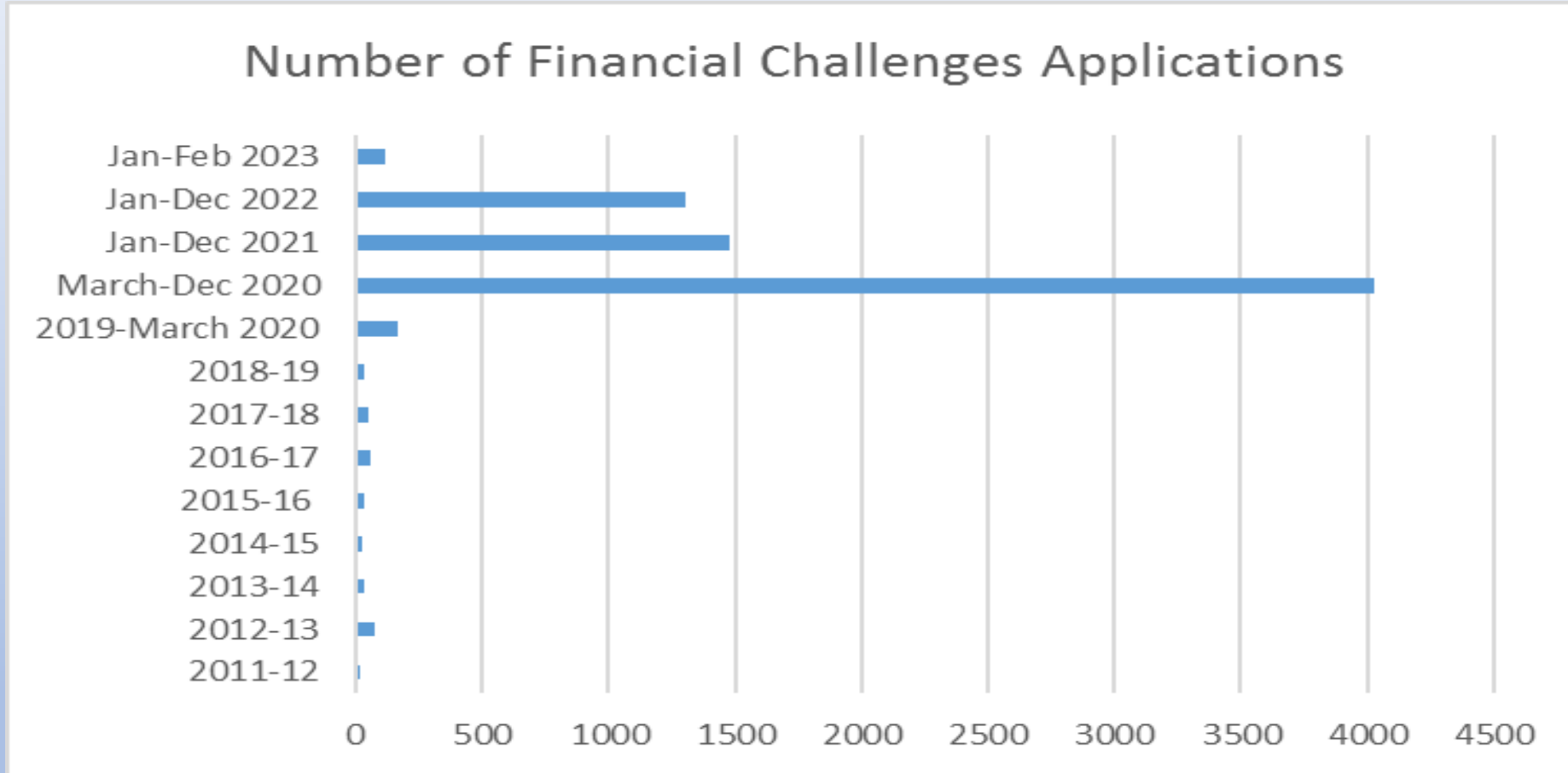
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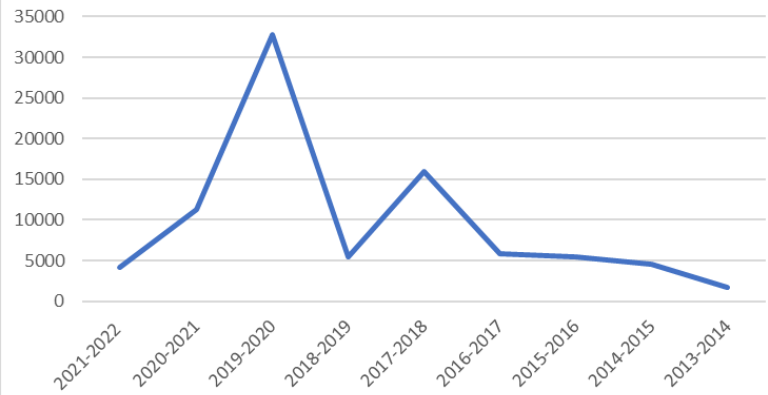
Financial Challenges At IUPUI



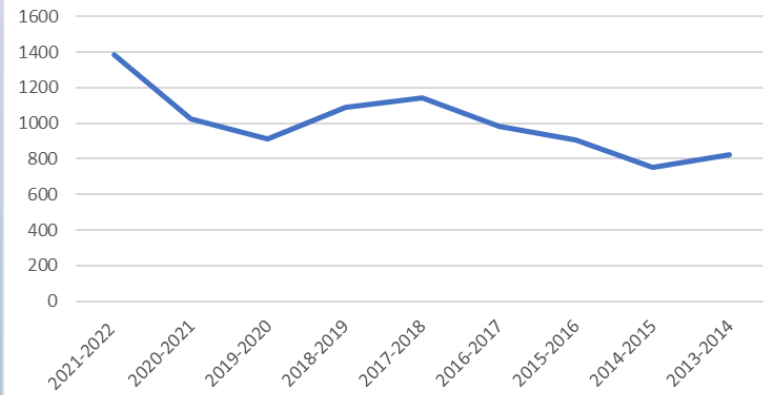
Emergency Grants at IU McKinney

- Emergency fund started in 2013 by McKinney Alum

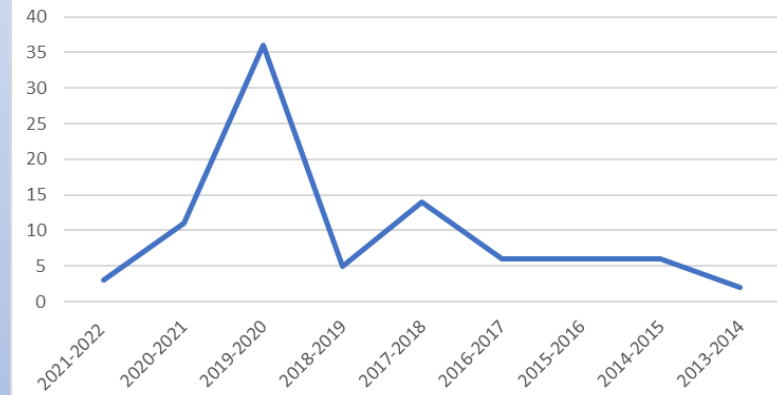
Amount Awarded



Average Award



Approved Application



IUPUI Application Process:

- Students will submit the application located on our website.
- Our website also includes some information about SNAP benefits, internet access discounts, and on campus resources (i.e., food pantry, clothing assistance).
- The application is hosted through Qualtrics, and an email output is immediately sent to the reviewer.
- We review applications within 24-48 hours and contact students via email.



McKinney Application Process:

- Students submit the application located on McKinney's forms page
- The completed Qualtrics application is routed to:
 - Associate Dean for Student Affairs/Graduate Programs
 - Associate Dean for Institutional Data and Reporting
 - Assistant Director, Student Financial Services
- Each review the application
- Committee will meet (standing meeting) to discuss that week's applicants
- Financial Aid reports the outcome to the students



Award Process:

IUPUI

1. We review to ensure student meets all the criteria.
2. If student has a qualifying emergency and has utilized loan funding, we will award our emergency grant and notify students via email.
3. If we can't support an award, student will be emailed with other options (i.e., PLUS loan, private loan, referral to resources).

IU McKinney

1. If approved: FA adds award, notifies students, and requests Thank You Note for donor.
2. If denied: FA will notify student and counsel on other opportunities the student could pursue.



HEERF vs Emergency Grant:

- I got money last year, what changed?
- IUPUI had two buckets of funding for our CARES/HEERF funding.
- We awarded most of our funding through an automatic process using EFC as the main criteria. Funds were set aside for application-based awards.
- Our last round of automatic funding occurred in summer 2022 and application-based funds were exhausted in August 2022.
- Throughout the 2022-23 academic year, students have been expecting additional funding and submitting applications that we can't fund.

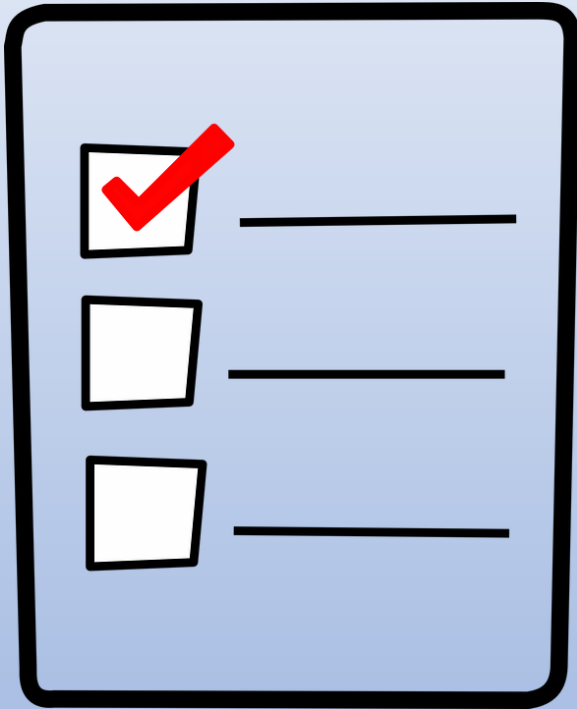


HEERF vs Emergency Grant: McKinney

- Also awarded automatic awards, though at a much smaller rate.
- Professional Programs (Med, Dent, Law, Graduate) 2021-2022
 - received \$60,000 over HEERF rounds 2 and 3 to award as application-based funding.
- Law awarded \$48,660 to 44 Law student applicants over 2021-2022.
- The remaining allocation was surrendered to the campus prior to summer 2022.



What Makes a Student Eligible at IUPUI:

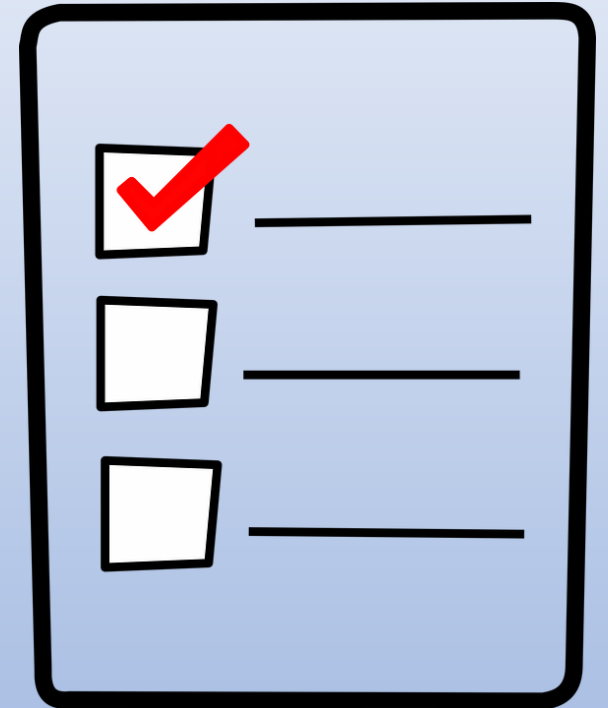


- FAFSA on file, half time enrollment, verification completed
- Must be meeting SAP or have an approved appeal
- Exhausted all federal aid, including loans.
- Nursing students can borrow a Federal Nursing loan
- Must have unmet need and/or room in COA for an award (depending on the award)
- Students nearing graduation who have exhausted all funding options can get an institutional loan.



What Makes a Student Eligible at McKinney

- Be enrolled as a JD, LL.M., M.J., or SJD student at the IU McKinney School of Law in three or more credit hours at the time of application.
- Be in good academic standing as determined by the IU McKinney School of Law.
- Have exhausted all other sources of emergency assistance such as financial aid disbursements and family resources.
- Demonstrate that the financial need is a one-time, unexpected expense rather than a chronic financial need.
- Be willing to meet with the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the IU McKinney School of Law if requested.
- Have not been a past recipient of the McKinney Emergency Fund.
- Write a thank you letter to the donor if awarded these funds. Information on writing a thank you letter and how to submit it will be provided upon notification of receiving the funds.



What Qualifies as an Emergency?



- Students facing eviction
- Food insecurity
- Unforeseen Medical expenses
- Unexpected car repairs (excluding regular car maintenance)
- Unexpected home repairs
- Computer/technology repairs
- Other emergencies on a case-by-case basis

What Does Not Qualify* as an Emergency?

- Tuition & fees
- Past due balances
- Books
- Regular bill payments
- Prices going up due to inflation



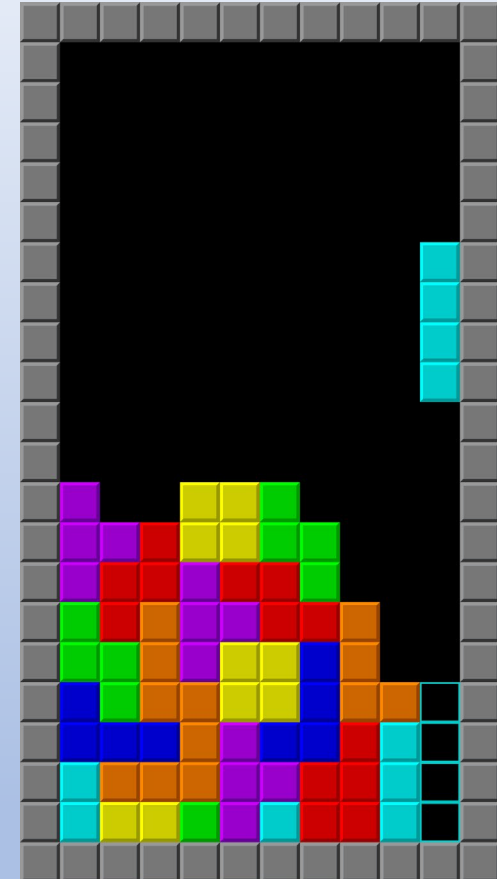
Please Explain your Financial Challenge & How Receiving Additional Funding will Assist.

- I am currently 2 months behind on rent, and am about to face eviction. I have been hired for another job in addition to the one that I have currently but my paychecks will not be enough in soon enough time to reduce my balance for rent, this aid would allow me to get caught up rent and not result in be possibly becoming homeless.
- I am a single mum of 2 and I'm in need of this funds to help pay my daughter's childcare. As I do not work full time. This will help me sustain her care with whatever I'm being able to put down.
- I started getting a coolant leak on my vehicle last semester and had it looked at a couple weeks ago. I was told it was going to cost around \$500 to get it repaired and it's bad to the point I have to refill my reservoir every 2-3 days. I was wanting to see if I could get assistance with this since I commute to school. I don't have the extra funds to put into it due to my board exams coming up and other expenses this would help me tremendously! Thank you!
- I am requesting financial assistance to pay my fees and next semester's rent because my sponsor is unable to sponsor me now due to some financial difficulties ongoing in my country. Since I arrived in the USA, I haven't been able to pay my fees, things are very difficult for me, even where I was staying when I first came, I could no longer stay there because of the distance from franklin to IUPUI, I started missing my classes so I decide to move nearby campus which sometimes I find it difficult to also pay my rent. My mom is a single mom, I lost my father when I was six years old. Life has been challenging for me, because of my thirst for education and to help society that's why I keep pushing, I don't want to drop out of school.



Professional Judgement Tetris:

- What to do when you when you run out of room
- Applied for EAG but could benefit from another process (professional judgement/special circumstances)
 - PJ Clarification
 - [UPDATED Guidance for interruptions of study related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
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 - [GEN 21-02 January 29th 2021](#)
 - Unemployment (do you or don't you include)



Putting Emergency Grants in Practice:

How we use campus/community resources

- Advocate
- CAPS
- Community Food Banks/Utility Assistance

HEERF Professional Judgement email requirement and FAFSA simplification

What do you do/not do?



Questions/Discussion

