The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund provides funding to institutions for emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. Here is The University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla (UPRAg) 30-day report as of June 2020.

Regarding the CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1), The University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla acknowledges and assures that:

1. A signed Certification and Agreement was returned to the U.S. Department of Education.

2. At least $2,949,891 will be provided as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students, which is no less than 50 percent of the funds received.

3. As of June 8, 2020: $2,615,811 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been provided to 2,216 students. ($1,180.42 per student)

4. The estimated total number of UPRAg students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to received Emergency Financial Aid grants to students is 2,499 as of June 8, 2020.

5. As of June 8, 2020, the total number of students who thus far have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant is 2,216.

6. UPRAG formed a task force, chaired by Prof. Pablo Ramirez, Dean of Student Affairs, to determine which students were to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the amount of such grants.

7. The University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla, along with UPR Central Administration, is being currently providing instructions and guidance to its constituents (including students) through electronic mails and through a webpage created for this purpose. (https://www.uprag.edu/cares-act/).

8. Students were recommended to certify their need for Emergency Grants for 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 child care) on or before June 30, 2020.