1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) has entered into a contractual agreement with the U.S. Department of Education to participates in the CARES Act Emergency Financial Assistance Grant for students.

2. 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.

NEOMED has been awarded a total of $272,933 in funding, of which a minimum of $136,467 must be awarded to students who can demonstrate an emergent financial need as it relates to the change in curricular delivery related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

As of July 20, 2020, a total of $153,430 will be disbursed to 159 qualifying students.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The CARES Act Emergency Grant Fund is opened to any student at NEOMED enrolled in the Spring Term, 2020 in any program, providing the program was not delivered exclusively online at the time of the start of the
pandemic. A total of 942 were enrolled in the Spring Term of 2020. Students who were placed on a leave of absence or withdrew from curricular activities prior to the COVID-19 pandemic were not eligible.

Expanded guidance has also made the CARES Act Emergency Grant eligible to students enrolled in the Summer Term, 2020 (a total of 503 students) and the Fall Term, 2020. Students engaged in fully online courses are not eligible.

The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Students must demonstrate they had an additional expense(s) due to the format change of the curriculum from in-person delivery to online, additional childcare expenses or have medical expenses not supported by insurance during the pandemic. Students must be able to supply supporting documentation that demonstrates their exact cost. Student awards will be given for their actual expense, up to $1,000 cap.

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

Students were provided an application form that asked them to articulate their circumstance(s) related to an emergent expense related to the change in curricular delivery due to the COVID-19 pandemic, medical expenses or child care expenses and to provide supporting documentation. The application cycle is opened from April 27, 2020 through June 26, 2020, when it is anticipated NEOMED will return to curricular delivery on the Rootstown campus.