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DATE: September 5, 2023

TO: Edward A. Blazel, Assembly Chief Clerk  
Michael J. Queensland, Senate Chief Clerk

FROM: Jay O. Rothman, UW System President

RE: Grants to Meet Emergency Financial Needs

As required by s. 36.66(6)(b), Wis. Stats., please find attached a summary of grants distributed during the 2022-23 academic year to meet emergency financial needs of students at the former University of Wisconsin (UW) Colleges campuses, which as of July 1, 2018, officially became a branch campus to a four-year UW institution (UW-Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Platteville, Stevens Point or Whitewater). By providing this report after the statutory June 30 deadline, UW System has provided a complete fiscal report.

The grants to meet emergency financial needs are currently provided to eligible students, as defined by having an expected family contribution of less than \$5,000. Grants cannot exceed more than \$500, and a student is allowed a maximum of two grants per academic year.

In 2022-23, UW branch campus students were awarded 48 emergency grants, totaling \$21,480. Students used these grants to pay unanticipated costs, such as vehicle repairs and medical costs. Of the students who received these grants, 10 students completed their degree or credential, 4 transferred to another postsecondary institution, and 3 withdrew without completing their degree. The status of the remaining students is unknown as UW campuses await enrollments for the new academic year this fall.

Pending Senate Bill 380 proposes modifying the definition of “eligible student” for these grants. Under the bill, eligibility aligns with the federal Pell grant eligibility criteria. The bill allows these grants to be awarded to any UW student, not just those at UW branch campuses, and increases the maximum amount awarded in an academic year to \$1,000. The bill also changes the reporting deadline from June 30 to September 1. These proposed changes will allow for greater utilization of the emergency grant program.

If you have additional questions, please contact Deej Lundgren, UW System Associate Vice President for Government Relations, at [dlundgren@uwsa.edu](mailto:dlundgren@uwsa.edu).

# ***University of Wisconsin System***

Emergency Grant Program Year End Report

Academic Year 2022-23

Reporting Requirement per s. 36.66(6), Wisconsin State Statute

1. Number of grants awarded	48
2. Number of grants denied	64
3. Number of individual students receiving grants	46
4. Total grant money awarded	\$ 21,479.92
5. The total amount of grant money available but not awarded	\$ 108,520.08
6. The number of students who received a grant and completed their degree or credential	10
7. The number of students who received a grant and transferred to another postsecondary institution	4
8. The number of students who received a grant and did not complete the term in which the grant was awarded	3

9. The types of expenses student received grants for:

Car repair	31
Other financial emergency	8
Unexpected medical/dental issue	4
Loss due to theft/fire	2
COVID-19	2
Travel for family emergency	1
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