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Subject: UWM student emergency grant waitlist update & CARES grant

Hello UWM student,

I am emailing you today to let you know that you remain on the waiting list for a UWM emergency grant and to recommend that you apply for a new, different grant: the [CARES grant](#). I want you to receive aid as soon as possible, and right now, a CARES grant may be the best option for you.

UWM has received nearly \$8.5 million through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help students who are struggling with expenses such as food, housing, computers and course materials, and childcare after campus operations were disrupted by COVID-19. This is a much larger pool of money than we had available for UWM emergency grants, and we expect many students to qualify for this aid.

While you have already applied for a UWM emergency grant, you will need to apply separately for a CARES grant. We are unable to automatically consider you for the CARES grant due to federal reporting requirements. But, the CARES grant application is a simple one with just a few questions and no requirements to submit documentation. You can fill out the application at <https://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/resources/cares-grant/>.

If for some reason you don't qualify for a CARES grant, you will remain on the waiting list for a UWM emergency grant, and we will award more of those as funds become available. It is a campus-wide priority to raise money to help students in crisis. I'm currently exploring several fundraising options and working with other departments to identify additional emergency resources.

I understand that your circumstances may be dire. If you in crisis and have immediate needs, please email our office directly at dos@uwm.edu, and we will connect you to other community resources. Additional resources also can be found at <https://uwm.edu/studenthandbook/>.

I do hope that you are healthy and safe. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need assistance beyond the scope of these grants.

Kind regards,

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