

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Quarterly Report for the Period October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) was established and initially funded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help institutions of higher education “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” Subsequent legislation – the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) – authorized additional funding for HEERF. HEERF is overseen and administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

This report describes the use of HEERF funds received by Frederick Community College under Award Number P425E202788.

CERTIFICATION

Frederick Community College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and assures that the College intends to use the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

FUNDING

Frederick Community College has received a total of \$4,705,268 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

Between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, a total of \$34,474 in Emergency Financial Aid grants was distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs.

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS

The estimated total number of students at the institution that were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs was 14,399.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVED EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS

The total number of students (unduplicated) who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs is 32.

METHODOLOGY

The following methodologies were used to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they received under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs.

Two groups of high-need students were identified to receive Emergency Financial Aid grants during this period:

- Students enrolled in Continuing Education Targeted English as Second Language (ESL) courses (\$1,000 each); and
- Students who incurred new debt as a result of state scholarship funding that was rescinded (amounts varied based on debt incurred).

INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

The Financial Aid office sent an email to all ESL students who were selected to receive Emergency Financial Aid grants. The email message included the amount of the grant, an explanation of how the grant funds may be used, notice of disbursement to the students' account and contact information should students have questions about the grant or need assistance.

Students who incurred new debt were personally contacted by the Assistant Director of Financial Aid Services and Outreach. Each provided authorization to FCC to apply the stated amounts to their student account balance.