

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Quarterly Report for the Period January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022**

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 January 1, 2022 and March 31, 2022, a total of \$923,892.80 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 17,598.

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 650.

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. Four groups of students were prioritized to receive emergency aid grants during this period:

1. Students with an Estimated Family Contribution under 10,000

All students who 1) had filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); 2) had an Estimated Family Contribution of less than 10,000; 3) were Pell-eligible; 4) were enrolled in at least 1 credit of coursework required for their declared program of study during the Spring 2022 semester; 5) were neither a visiting student nor a consortium student; 6) had paid or made arrangements to pay for their tuition; and 7) had not received a HEERF Emergency Financial Aid grant in fall 2021 were selected to receive a HEERF Emergency Financial Aid grant in the amount of \$2,000.

2. Allied Health Students

All students who 1) were enrolled in at least 1 credit of coursework required for their declared program of study in Allied Health (credit programs) or at least 1 class as part of an Allied Health Academy cohort (non-credit program) other than CPR for the spring semester; 2) were not a visiting, consortium, nor a dual enrollment student; and 3) had paid or made arrangements to pay their tuition were selected to receive a HEERF Emergency Financial Aid grant in the amount of \$1,000.

3. Education Students

All students who 1) were enrolled in at least 1 credit of coursework required for their declared program of study in Education; 2) were not a visiting, consortium, nor a dual enrollment student; and 3) had paid or made arrangements to pay their tuition were selected to receive a HEERF Emergency Financial Aid grant in the amount of \$1,000.

4. Students who incurred new debt as a result of rescinded scholarship funding

One student was selected to receive a HEERF Emergency Financial Aid grant in the amount of \$1,892.80.

INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

The Financial Aid office sent an email to all 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.

The student who incurred new debt was personally contacted by the Assistant Director of Financial Aid Services and Outreach. They provided authorization to FCC to apply the stated amount to their student account balance.