

**Muskegon Community College**  
**ARP – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting**  
**March 31, 2022**

**Acknowledgments of Signed Certification and Agreement Forms**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP represents the third stream of funding appropriated for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Taken together, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and the ARP represent HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III, respectively.

MCC agrees that no less than \$4,247,002 received under this act will be provided as emergency financial aid grants directly to students. ARP requires that the college prioritize students with exceptional need. ARP HEERF III grant funds were received on May 13, 2021.

MCC was not required to submit an application for ARP funding because the institution previously received CARES Act awards, and the additional funding was processed as supplements to existing grant awards. ARP grant funds were received on May 13, 2021.

The U.S. Department of Education provided a Grant Award Notification for the Student Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under Section 2003(a)(1) of the CARES Act to MCC on April 24, 2020. Additional Department of Education Certification and Agreement forms signed by MCC include the agreements for the Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under Section 2003(a)(1), and for the Strengthening Institutions Program under Section 2003(a)(2) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

**Total Amount of Funds Muskegon Community College Will Receive**

Based on Grant Award Notifications from the U.S. Department of Education, MCC received \$8,367,136 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III (HEERF III) under the ARP.

These funds include:

- At least, \$4,247,002 in funds for eligible students impacted by COVID-19 pandemic related disruptions of campus operations.
- At most, \$4,120,134 in institutional funding to defray expenses associated with coronavirus.

As stated above, MCC will distribute no less than \$4,247,002 in HEERF III to students. Detailed information about the disbursement of HEERF III to eligible MCC students is included within this report. MCC understands that it may, but is not required to, use HEERF III designated for institutional costs to provide additional emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to COVID-19-related disruption of campus operations.

### **Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants MCC Has Distributed to Students**

As of March 31, 2022, \$2,260,375 in HEERF III funds have been disbursed to 3,694 students.

The remaining \$582,900 in previously received HEERF II funds were added to the \$4,247,002 in received HEERF III student funds for a total of \$4,829,902 to be used in disbursements for Fall 2021, Winter and Fall 2022.

In October 2021, MCC distributed funds to qualified students in block grants, prioritizing additional to students with exceptional financial need related to the pandemic based on students' Expected Family Contribution (EFC) data derived from Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) data. Under this distribution method, MCC has distributed \$2,260,375 to an additional 3,694 students in October 2021, with the remaining \$2,569,527 in funds to be distributed during the Winter and Fall 2022 semesters.

### **Total Number of Students Who Have Received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant**

As of March 31, 2022, \$2,260,375 in HEERF III funds have been disbursed to 3,694 eligible students under HEERF III.

### **Estimated Total Number of Students Eligible to Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

The estimated total number of students eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants for Fall 2021 based on MCC's methodology under Section 2003(a)(1) of ARP is 3,694 students.

### **Instructions, Directions, and Guidance Provided to MCC Student**

MCC students will be notified about the ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants, via a press release, email notifications, the MCC website and social media postings.

In addition, MCC has created an ARP webpage to provide instructions, directions, or guidance concerning the emergency financial aid grants. This information will be available on MCC's website at: <https://www.muskegoncc.edu/coronavirus/ARP-at-mcc/>

### **Conclusion**

This report documents the status of the student portion of ARP HEERF III as of March 31, 2022. In compliance with Section 314(e), additional reports will be posted on MCC's website every calendar quarter.