

Muskegon Community College

CRRSAA and ARP – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting June 30, 2021

CRRSAA

Acknowledgments of Signed Certification and Agreement Forms

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) federal relief package was signed into law, and the Act includes support for education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II).

MCC agrees that no less than \$1,123,675, received under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA would be provided as emergency financial aid grants directly to students. This amount is equal to the amount the college was required to provide to students under the CARES Act. CRRSAA requires that the college prioritize students with exceptional need.

MCC was not required to submit an application for CRRSAA funding because the institution already had CARES Act awards, and the additional funding was processed as supplements to existing grant awards. CRRSAA grant funds were received on January 17, 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 314(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 314(a)(1), and for the Strengthening Institutions Program under Section 314(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 will receive \$4,950,406 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II) under CRRSAA.

These funds include:

- At least, \$1,123,675 in funds for eligible students impacted by COVID-19 pandemic related disruptions of campus operations.
- At most, \$3,627,389 in institutional funding to defray expenses associated with coronavirus.
- \$199,342 in institutional funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II – Strengthening Institutions Program to help defray expenses associated with coronavirus.

As stated above, MCC will distribute no less than \$1,123,675 in HEERF II to students. Detailed information about the disbursement of HEERF II to eligible MCC students is included within this report. MCC understands that it may, but is not required to, use HEERF II 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, 2021, \$419,400 was disbursed to 1,062 eligible students for the winter 2021 semester.

In April and May 2021, MCC distributed an additional \$121,375 to 454 qualified students through an online request process in which students identified factors that demonstrated exceptional financial need related to the pandemic. The individual awards ranged between \$125 and \$500.

The remaining \$582,900 in HEERF II funds were added to the \$4,247,002 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for future disbursement.

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

As of June 30, 2021, funds were disbursed to 1,223 students.

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 based on MCC's methodology under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA is 1,223 students.

Methods Used to Determine Which MCC Students Receive a Grant

In accordance with Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA. The HEERF II funds have been distributed through the following process:

1. Direct Emergency Grant Distribution to Winter 2021 Students
 - A) Grants were automatically awarded to students who met the following requirements:
 - a. Enrolled in at least one (1) contact hours for the winter 2021 semester
 - b. Seeking a degree or certificate from MCC
 - c. Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA below \$5,712
 - B) Grant amounts were distributed based on the number of contact hours in which the student was enrolled:

Contact Hours	Grant Amount
0-5	\$150
6-10	\$300
11-15	\$450
16-20	\$600
21+	\$750

Instructions, Directions, and Guidance Provided to MCC Student

MCC students were notified about the CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants, via a press release, email notifications, the MCC website and social media postings. In addition, MCC has created a CRRSAA webpage to provide instructions, directions, or guidance concerning the emergency financial aid grants. This information is available on MCC's website at: <https://www.muskegoncc.edu/coronavirus/crrsaa-at-mcc/>

ARP – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting June 30, 2021

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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 June 30, 2021, no HEERF III funds were disbursed to students.

The remaining \$582,900 in previously received HEERF II funds have been 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 and Winter 2022.

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

As of June 30, 2021, no funds were disbursed to students under HEERF III.

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 CRRSAA HEERF II and ARP HEERF III as of June 30, 2021. In compliance with Section 314(e), additional reports will be posted on MCC's website every calendar quarter.