Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), which was signed into law on December 27, 2020. In addition to the $30.75 billion provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the CRRSAA authorizes a total of $81.88 billion in support for education, with $22.7 billion allocated to the HEERF II program. These funds are intended to “assist public and private nonprofit colleges and universities in preparing for, preventing, and responding to coronavirus,” and to provide temporary emergency financial assistance to eligible students who are experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Under CRRSAA section 314(a)(1), Greenfield Community College (GCC) was allocated $887,516 in HEERF II funding. Of this amount, a minimum of $443,758 must be used for emergency financial aid grants to students (CFDA 84.425E Student Aid Portion Allocation).

On March 24, 2021, GCC issued direct payments totaling $334,050 to eligible students and reserved $109,708 for the Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund to which all eligible GCC students can apply.

Grants were given to 452 eligible students based on financial need and Pell Grant eligibility. Matriculated students with EFCs between 0 - 5711 received a direct emergency payment of $750 regardless of enrollment status. Less than half-time, half-time, and full-time students all received a $750 payment, the main criteria for HEERF II funding was Pell eligibility and low income. Dual enrolled and the college’s early transitions students who received free or reduced lunch also received a HEERF II direct payment. These special groups received direct payments of $525. The remaining amount was disbursed to eligible students who submit a Covid-19 Emergency Relief application. The application for HEERF II funds remained open until the end of August 2021 to assist students with Summer II and fall 2021 needs.

The following information concerns the student portions of both the Coronavirus Aid Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act as of June 30, 2021:

- April 23, 2020 $420,925 was distributed to 653 eligible students
- October 29, 2020 $22,833 was distributed to 30 eligible students
- June 30, 2021 $475 identified for return through the escheatment process;
- Total CARES Act expenditures as of June 30, 2021 $443,283 to 682 eligible students

The following information concerns the student portion of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) as of June 30, 2021:

- March 24, 2021 $334,050 was distributed to 452 eligible students;
• June 10, 2021 $33,807 was distributed to 28 students who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application;

• July 8, 2021 $56,118 awarded to 29 students who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application

• Between August 2021 and October 2021 $23,552 was awarded to 24 eligible students who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application requesting debt relief for a past due 202101 balance with the college.

• August 6, 2021 $17,000.60 was award to 16 enrolled Summer II who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application specifying assistance for Summer II education associated costs.

• September 24, 2021 $61,665 awarded to 42 students who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application; 39 students requested education assistance and 3 students requested emergency relief funding.

• September 27, 2021 $1,435,302 Direct HEERF payments were distributed to 723 eligible students with demonstrated financial need. Priority was given to FAFSA Applicants. The minimum direct payment amount began at $750 and the maximum payment equaled $2,500. Payment amounts were assigned as follows:

1. Pell eligible FAFSA applicants receive $2500
2. Non-Pell FAFSA applicants with stimulus eligible incomes receive $1650
3. The one international and one DACA student are treated like the Pell students and receive $2500; this is based on info provided by Admissions.
4. Dual Enrolled/ETP students enrolled less than half-time receive $750
5. Dual Enrolled/ETP students enrolled half-time or more receive $1250
6. Other eligible populations who have already receive a HEERF payment through the application process will receive a lesser award amount; awards range from $1000-$1500
7. $38,700 was distributed in direct payments on December 9, 2021 to 17 late FAFSA applicants enrolled fall 2021 who missed the September 27th payment cycle.

• October 7, 2021 $189,854 awarded to 94 students who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application for the fall 2021 term to assist with education associated costs and/or emergency relief.

• December 9, 2021 – please see number 7, above.
• March 3, 2022 $52,292 to 25 students who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application.
• March 29, 2022 $42,824 was distributed as direct payments to 60 students who were enrolled for the spring 2022 term and who did not a fall 2021 direct emergency payment. Priority was given to FAFSA Applicants and Pell recipients.

• June 10, 2022 $1,950 to 2 students who submitted the Covid-19 Emergency Relief application requesting assistance for education associated cost for the Summer I term.