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. The remaining amount will be disbursed to eligible students who submit a Covid-19 Emergency Relief application. The application for HEERF II funds will remain open until the end of August 2021. Any remaining HEERF II funds will be distributed to students enrolled in summer 2021 session and continuing in the fall 2021.

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, 2021 $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
Awards will continued to be made through the end of August 2021. Any reaming HEERF II allocation will be directly distributed to eligible students enrolled in summer 2021 session and continuing in the fall 2021 in early October 2021.