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HEERF III Funding under the ARP

Reporting Period through December 31, 2021

SFCC will be reporting each funding source provided under the CARES Act, CRRSAA Act, and ARP separately and posted online for individuals and students to see.

The following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public. This information must also be updated no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (September 30, and December 31, March 31, June 30) thereafter, unless the Secretary specifies an alternative method of reporting:

(1) An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

On April 10, 2020, SFCC signed and agreed to the terms of the CARES Act Certification and Agreement and assurances to use no less than 50% of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to SFCC students.

As SFCC had previously received HEERF funding under the CARES Act the Certification and Agreement signed originally on April 10, 2020 that serves as the agreement for the HEERF III funding under the ARP.

(2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

SFCC received as of May 25, 2021 the allocation for HEERF III funds under the ARP. SFCC was allocated **\$6,015,172.00** to utilize towards student grants.

(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of 12/31/21, **618 students** have been disbursed HEERF III Funding under the ARP for a total **\$1,763,498.67**.

(4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

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As of 12/31/21, **SFCC has 4182 estimated students** who are eligible for HEERF III Funding under the ARP.

(5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

As of 12/31/21, **618 students** have been disbursed HEERF III Funding under the ARP.

(6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Criteria for Emergency CARES III (HEERF III) Grant Request

Eligible students will be awarded their requested amount per the application, up to \$3,000 maximum, until funds are depleted. Funds are not to be included in COA or need per Grant guidance and directly disbursed to the student (unless otherwise authorized to apply to approved charges on the student account).

1. Alternative application on file (student emergency aid application will serve as alternative application source to document 'highest need' for eligible purposes). The link to the application is public and can be found at <https://signnow.com/s/cSdnoex0>.

a. Updated form as of August 2021: <https://signnow.com/s/K8qVhBFs>

2. Costs need to be related to an aspect within the Cost of Attendance (COA) OR COVID-19. Examples below are listed but not limited to:

- a. Childcare
- b. Food
- c. Health Care
- d. Technology
- e. Textbooks
- f. Tuition
- g. Housing
- h. Transportation

3. Display exceptional need. SFCC defines exceptional need as Washington College Grant (WCG) eligible (based on MFI) per the most recent MFI chart available for the respective application year (<https://wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022.07.WCG-CBS.MFI.Chart.pdf>). Students' income must be equal to or less than the 100% MFI listed on the MFI chart for the corresponding aid year to be considered eligible for emergency funds. Funds are not prorated based on MFI range.

4. Enrolled in at least one credit within the academic year that SFCC is awarding grant funds. Students no longer enrolled are eligible to receive funds retroactively as long as the was enrollment during the academic year and enrollment was transcribed.

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5. Emergency funds do not apply as Estimated Financial Assistance (EFA) and do not count against financial need or cost of attendance.

6. Funds may be used to pay down institutional tuition charges/fees, instead of directly refunding to the student, as long as the institution collects separate student authorization (found in the application form, with authorization optional to the student).


7. Cannot be on a consortium agreement with another college that dictates SFCC cannot award funding to the student.

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

For the 2021-2022 Academic Year we created a new website with information on all HEERF Funding:

[https://sfcc.spokane.edu/News-Events/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Emergency-Funding-\(1\)](https://sfcc.spokane.edu/News-Events/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Emergency-Funding-(1))

We also messaged to all enrolled students for Summer 2021 on 7/14/21:



Community Colleges of Spokane
Spokane Falls Community College
Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Are Here!

Greetings!

Spokane Falls Community College has funding to support your COVID related emergency needs for **Summer 2021!**

If you are enrolled in **Summer 2021** classes and in need of tuition assistance, books and supplies, technology, childcare, healthcare or other emergency expenses, all you need to do is complete the following [online application](#) to see if you are eligible for additional financial support. *These funds are free money and do not need to be repaid! If you are in the queue to be reviewed for financial aid, our office will continue to review for any further aid eligibility, and these funds have no impact on your financial aid offer.*

Complete the Online Application [here](#).

For more information on Higher Education Emergency Relief funding and our process at SFCC, please visit our [Covid-19 Emergency Funding page](#).


If you have any questions, please visit us in person (Building 17 - Upper Concourse), by replying to this email or by calling the Financial Aid Office at (509) 533-3550.

Sincerely,

SFCC Financial Aid Office

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