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Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) ACT

Reporting Period through September 30, 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.

SFCC has applied for the HEERF funds and will comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”) to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to the Department. SFCC is posting the information listed below on our primary website. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

Institutions that expended HEERF grant funds during the calendar quarter from January 1 – March 30, 2021 are required to post the quarterly report that involved the expenditure of HEERF I CARES Act funds and HEERF II CRRSAA. The Department did not previously affirm this reporting requirement for HEERF II CRRSAA funds. As such, institutions may have until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2021, to post these retroactive reports if they have not already done so.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act 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

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.

SFCC has been allocated **\$1,729,157** of HEERF I funding under the CARES Act for emergency financial aid grants to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter):

As of 9/30/21, **2874** students have been disbursed a total of **\$ 1,729,157.00** and all funds are depleted for HEERF I funds under the CARES Act.

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4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

SFCC has 9,183 estimated students who are eligible for Cares Act funds.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

As of 9/30/21, **2874** SFCC students have received HEERF I funding under the CARES Act to date.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

SFCC directly disbursed \$350.00 of SFCC CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant in Spring 2020 to all eligible students to help meet their expenses due to the disruption of campus operations and the move of all on-campus courses to an online modality as a result of COVID-19. SFCC determined \$350 would provide immediate support for students that incurred additional expenses due to the change to an online modality. SFCC students may apply for an additional \$1,000 in grant funds, in addition to the direct disbursement received, to meet their additional expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by COVID-19. The changes, limitations, and disruption of campus operations continues and will continue in the following quarters. Students continue to incur technology expenses, i.e. internet access, software, etc. and will for the following quarters. To support students with the ongoing expenses due to COVID-19 in Spring 2020, SFCC made a decision to disburse additional CARES funds not yet expended and provide an additional \$150 additional CARES emergency funds to all eligible students enrolled in the quarter, totaling \$500 in emergency aid to support each eligible student that has incurred expenses due to disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. In Fall 2020, SFCC again disbursed \$350 to all enrolled eligible students due to the continued disruption of campus operations and related expenses, with additional funds available by application.

Criteria for Funding under HEERF I under the CARES Act

Criteria for Supplemental Emergency CARES Grant Request (HEERF I)

Up to \$500, until funds are depleted. Funds are not to be included in COA or need per CARES Grant guidance and directly disbursed to the student.

1. Student has completed, non-rejected 2020-2021 FAFSA with an official EFC
 - a. This ensures students meet basic eligibility checks for citizenship and SSA
2. Student is enrolled in eligible credit classes for Fall 2020
3. Student is meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
4. Student is in an eligible program, that is not solely marketed as online

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5. Students has completed high school or equivalent
6. Student is an eligible citizen or eligible non-citizen
7. Student is not in default of a loan or owes a Pell Grant overpayment
8. Student has registered for Selective Service (if male)
9. Student is not on a consortium agreement that dictates SFCC Financial Aid cannot award the student
10. Student has not received another emergency request for funds approved in the 2020-2021 academic year (this does not include the mass awarding of \$350 CARES funds as stated above in the awarding methodology).
11. Reasoning for additional funds is directly related to technology needs as we continue to offer remote virtual student affairs and majority of learning through online modalities.

OR

Reasoning for additional funds is directly related to economic hardships from COVID-19 and has been stated directly within the students emergency requests

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

An Email Message to students: Each student that received a direct disbursement was sent the following message:

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS ARE HERE! Under the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Spokane Falls Community College is providing emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses such as technology, courses materials, tuition and fees, food, housing, health care, and child care related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. This emergency grant does not have to be repaid and it is not part of Title IV federal student aid funds. This is free money to help you meet expenses related to COVID-19.

SFCC understands that our {Spring/Fall} enrolled students experienced disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Our records show that you are enrolled {Spring, Fall} quarter, therefore, you have been disbursed emergency grant funds. These emergency grant funds have been paid directly to you, no funds were used to pay any spring balance remaining on your SFCC student account. If you have a balance, you may use these funds to pay any remaining balance. Your emergency grant funds were sent to Bank Mobile. If you do not have a Bank Mobile account, please follow the link below for information on establishing your refund preference: <https://www.refundselection.com/refundselection/#/welcome/continue> If you are experiencing unusual hardship, you may apply for additional emergency funds at: <https://apps.spokane.edu/CCSONlineSurvey/Default.aspx?SurveyID=1371&TallyID=1797>

Wishing you a successful {Spring, Fall} quarter!

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Sincerely,

The Financial Aid Office Spokane Falls Community College