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HEERF II Funding under CRRSAA

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.

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 II funding under CRRSAA.

(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

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

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

As of 9/30/21, **673 students** have been disbursed HEERF II Funding under the CRRSAA for a total of **\$1,642,472.99**

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

As of 9/30/21, **SFCC has 7,681 estimated students** who are eligible for HEERF II Funding under the CRRSAA.

(5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA.

As of 9/30/21, **673 students have received HEERF II Funding** under the CRRSAA.

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(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.

2020-2021 Criteria for HEERF II

Criteria for Emergency CARES II (HEERF II) Grant Request under the CRRSSAA

Eligible students will be awarded their requested amount per the application, up to \$2,000 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. Must be a US Citizen or eligible non-citizen
2. FAFSA or 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/mMQQPpMT>.
3. 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
4. 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/MFI.Chart.08-29-2019.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.
5. Enrolled and commenced 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. *Students may be awarded HEERF I and HEERF II funds for costs incurred in prior CARES funding-eligible terms, including costs prior to December 27, 2020, so long as these are funds spent after December 27, 2020.

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2021-2022 Aid Year Eligibility for HEERF II:

Criteria for Emergency CARES II (HEERF II) 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.
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).

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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

Students enrolled in Winter 2021 for the 20-21 academic year at SFCC were notified via email by SFCC Financial Aid Office on 3/26/21 to apply for emergency funds with the below message:

Greetings students!

Spokane Falls Community College has funding to support your COVID related emergency needs! If you are in need of tuition assistance, books and supplies, technology, childcare, health care 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 that 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.

Online application: <https://signnow.com/s/mMQQPpMT>

(can you please format to make an easy hyperlink? I didn't do it not knowing what worked best in the MailChimp template)

If you have any questions, please call the Financial Aid Office via Zoom, by calling (509) 533-3550 or by email sfcc.finaid@sfcc.spokane.edu

Sincerely,

SFCC Financial Aid Office

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:

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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