

## **Muskegon Community College**

### **CRRSAA – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting**

**March 31, 2021**

#### **Acknowledgments of Signed Certification and Agreement Forms**

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) federal relief package was signed into law, and the Act includes support for education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II).

MCC agrees that no less than \$1,123,675, received under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA would be provided as emergency financial aid grants directly to students. This amount is equal to the amount the college was required to provide to students under the CARES Act. CRRSAA requires that the college prioritize students with exceptional need.

MCC was not required to submit an application for CRRSAA funding because the institution already had CARES Act awards, and the additional funding was processed as supplements to existing grant awards. CRRSAA grant funds were received on January 17, 2021.

The U.S. Department of Education provided a Grant Award Notification for the Student Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under Section 314(a)(1) of the CARES Act to MCC on April 24, 2020. Additional Department of Education Certification and Agreement forms signed by MCC include the agreements for the Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under Section 314(a)(1), and for the Strengthening Institutions Program under Section 314(a)(2) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

#### **Total Amount of Funds Muskegon Community College Will Receive**

Based on Grant Award Notifications from the U.S. Department of Education, MCC will receive \$4,950,406 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II) under CRRSAA.

These funds include:

- At least, \$1,123,675 in funds for eligible students impacted by COVID-19 pandemic-related disruptions of campus operations.
- At most, \$3,627,389 in institutional funding to defray expenses associated with coronavirus.
- \$199,342 in institutional funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II – Strengthening Institutions Program to help defray expenses associated with coronavirus.

As stated above, MCC will distribute no less than \$1,123,675 in HEERF II to students. Detailed information about the disbursement of HEERF II to eligible MCC students is included within this report.

MCC understands that it may, but is not required to, use HEERF II designated for institutional costs to provide additional emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to COVID-19-related disruption of campus operations.

#### **Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants MCC Has Distributed to Students**

As of March 31, 2021, \$419,400 was disbursed to eligible students for the winter 2021 semester.

**Total Number of Students Who Have Received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant**

As of March 31, 2021, funds were disbursed to 1,062 students.

**Estimated Total Number of Students Eligible to Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

The estimated total number of students eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants based on MCC's methodology under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA is 1,062 students.

**Methods Used to Determine Which MCC Students Receive a Grant**

In accordance with Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA. The HEERF II funds have been distributed through the following process:

1. Direct Emergency Grant Distribution to Winter 2021 Students
  - A) Grants were automatically awarded to students who met the following requirements:
    - a. Enrolled in at least one (1) contact hours for the winter 2021 semester
    - b. Seeking a degree or certificate from MCC
    - c. Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA below \$5,712
  - B) Grant amounts were distributed based on the number of contact hours the student was enrolled in:

Contact Hours	Grant Amount
0-5	\$150
6-10	\$300
11-15	\$450
16-20	\$600
21+	\$750

**Instructions, Directions, and Guidance Provided to MCC Student**

MCC students were notified about the CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants, via a press release, email notifications, the MCC website and social media postings.

In addition, MCC has created a CRRSAA webpage to provide instructions, directions, or guidance concerning the emergency financial aid grants. This information is available on MCC's website at: <https://www.muskegoncc.edu/coronavirus/crrsaa-at-mcc/>

**Conclusion**

This report documents the status of the student portion of CRRSAA HEERF II as of March 31, 2021. In compliance with Section 314(e), additional reports will be posted on MCC's website every calendar quarter.