

## CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSAA)

## REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II**

## Florida Education Institute OPEID 03627600 October 1, 2021

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (P.L. 116-260). This new law gives the U.S. Department of Education (Department) approximately \$22.7 billion to distribute to institutions of higher education in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus through the HEERF. The grant programs authorized under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act and under section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA are referred to below as the "HEERF II" funds." The following information is reported for the period of Q3 7/1/2021 – 9/30/2021.

- I. This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. We further attest that our institution has used, and/or intends to use, the funds received under CRRSAA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- II. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement under CRRSAA [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student is <u>\$334,190</u>.
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA as of the date of this report is <u>\$98,000</u>.
- IV. The estimated total number of students at our institution eligible to participate in programs under the CRRSAA as of the date of this report is <u>303</u>.
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA as of the date of this report is <u>81</u>.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student would receive under HEERF II:
  - Student must be in active enrollment status on or since April 1, 2021 for at least three (3) weeks.
  - Has need in relation to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare at the time of financial aid acceptance of the HEERF II grant.
  - Does not have to be Pell eligible.
  - Does not have to complete a FAFSA.
  - No application to complete.

- \$1,200 will be distribute to each student until funds are exhausted.
- \$800 will be distributed to each re-entry or transfer of credit student.
- Additional funds will be distributed equally to all recipients to assure all funds are distribution by deadline.
- VII. The follow instructions/directions/guidance will be provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants HEERF II:
  - Each eligible student will be contacted by Florida Education Institute's Financial Aid and Accounting Offices staff to inform them on how to receive their HEERF II grant funds. Students may contact our staff with any eligibility questions.
  - Students will continue to be directed to the Florida Education Institute website for up-to-date information.
  - Grants will be disbursed to students via a check made out in the student's name.
  - The Business Office Manager and Financial Aid Director shall maintain and track on a spreadsheet which students have received HEERF II grant funds checks.
  - The HEERF II grant funds will be disbursed in multiple disbursements in an effort to get money out to as many students as possible until funds are exhausted.