

Quarterly Report CRRSA/HEERF II January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

April 5, 2021

Aims Community College (Aims) acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and assures 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 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and subsequent Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As of December 31, 2020, Aims had distributed the full amount of \$1,270,594 received in April 2020, as CARES Act funds, to students. A “final” reported was posted on the Aims website in January 2021 for these funds in accordance with guidance available at that time.

Aims Community College received an additional \$1,270,594 in January 2021 from the Department of Education in CRRSA Act Emergency Financial Aid funds for grants to students as HEERF II funds.

Aims Community College has distributed the following in CRRSA Act Emergency Financial Aid grant funds to students as of March 31, 2021: **\$910,025**.

The total estimated number of students eligible to participate under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 at Aims Community College for Spring 2021 as of March 31, 2021 was **1,546 students**.

The total number of students that received the CRRSA/HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Student Grant funds from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 is **1,159 students**.

In Spring 2021, Aims Community College awarded students who met eligibility under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as follows: Students who have a 0 EFC were awarded \$1,000; students with an EFC 1-5,711 (Pell Eligible) were awarded \$750 and students with an EFC greater than 5,711 were awarded \$525. Students were notified of the award via email and instructed to go into the Aims Self Service portal and certify they have financial needs as it relates to COVID and accept the award.

Aims Community College sent an email to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The text of that email can be found below.

Dear student (students name),

At Aims Community College, we recognize that many of our students have faced financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn.

In an effort to provide financial relief, and in accordance with the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), you have been selected to receive a \$___ grant from the Higher Education Emergency II (HEERF II) Fund.

The HEERF II Fund grant will be paid directly to you in the form of a refund. Refunds are processed by the RefundSelect program according to the delivery choice you choose. If you have not signed up for direct deposit, a check will be mailed to your address on file. The purpose of the HEERF II Fund grant is to assist with emergency costs due to Coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care, mental health care, or child care.

To accept this grant through your myAims portal:

- Click the student block
- Click the financial aid block
- Click the financial aid award block
- Select aid year **2021** and submit
- Click on accept award offer
- Accept the HEERF2 Grant

If you have needs that exceed what we have listed here, please contact Financial Aid at financial.aid@aims.edu or 970-339-6548 as you may be eligible for additional student loans. We care about you and your future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. L. P.', written in a cursive style.