

Quarterly Report HEERF July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

October 8, 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 (HEERF II) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act (HEERF III) 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. As of June 30, 2021, all HEERF II funds have been disbursed to eligible students. In May 2021, Aims received an additional \$5,105,640 in ARP HEERF III funding.

In the quarter, **July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021**, Aims distributed **\$3,711,000** in HEERF III emergency financial grants to students.

The estimated total number of students at Aims Community College eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP programs as of **September 30, 2021** was **3,264 students**.

The total number of students that received the HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Student Grant funds from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 is **3,263 students**.

In **Fall 2021**, Aims Community College awarded HEERF III grant funds to students, prioritizing exceptional need. Awards of \$2,000 were given to all Pell eligible students enrolled in 6 or more credits during the Fall 2021 semester. State grant eligible students (150% of Pell eligibility) received \$1,500 for the Fall 2021 semester. After prioritizing the students with exceptional need, students who do not meet the above criteria and are enrolled in 6 or more credits received \$500 for the Fall 2021 semester to cover expenses toward their Cost of Attendance.

These funds were auto awarded and accepted for students and all refunds were given directly to students via direct deposit or by check through the Cashier’s office. Once these funds were disbursed, students were sent an email informing them that they were awarded the HEERF III funds for Fall semester. **The text of that email for Fall 2021 can be found here.**

Dear Aims Student,

As the President of Aims Community College, I recognize that we are currently in unprecedented and challenging times. Many of us find ourselves battling issues we have never experienced or could anticipate. In an effort to provide financial relief, and in accordance with The American Rescue Plan (A.R.P.), you have been selected to receive the A.R.P. HEERF III Grant.

The Federal A.R.P. HEERF III 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 Federal A.R.P. HEERF III Grant is to assist with expenses related to the disruptions related to your student experience as the result of the coronavirus. Such disruptions may include housing, food, technology and internet, course materials, healthcare, childcare and components related to your Cost of Attendance.

You will not need to apply or accept these grants, they will automatically be posted to your account and refunded to you through RefundSelect.

If you have needs that exceed what we have listed here, please work directly with Financial Aid 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. P.', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.