

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental
Appropriations Act(CRRSAA)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
Quarterly Report- April 22, 2021

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116 signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116

Each HEERF participating institution is required to make public the following information:

prioritize grant funding to students with exceptional financial need, such as students who receive Pell grants. However, students who did not receive Pell were still eligible for funding.

Based on the ED guidance, the committee elected to automatically block award grants for all Pell recipients. Pell students who did not apply for a grant received a block award amount (\$100-500) based upon their Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) level and enrollment intensity (number of contact hours enrolled). Pell recipients who completed the application process had the opportunity to receive funds (\$150-1000) in addition to the block award. The combined award was based upon three categories: financial need on the FAFSA (EFC), financial need described on the student's application, and enrollment intensity. Applicants who did not file a FAFSA and/or who did not qualify for Pell were awarded grants (\$150-1000) based upon application information and enrollment intensity.

Students had the option on the application to elect whether they wanted the emergency grants to be directly applied to their student account balance or whether they wanted a grant check mailed to the address on file with the college's Registrar's Office. Awards were transmitted to student account balances on March 17 and April 12, and grant checks mailed the week of March 29 and April 12.

Guidance Provided to Students

On February 1, the Vice President of Student Services notified all students via their college email of the availability of, and eligibility requirements of, the CRRSAA HEERF. Included in this email was a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to address the application process, award amounts, eligibility requirements, prioritization of funds, etc. Students were also notified that the HEERF funds could be used toward any expenses associated with their cost of attendance, including tuition, textbooks, course materials, food, technology, housing, healthcare, transportation, childcare, etc. This communication was also posted on the glenoaks.edu/coronavirus web page created specifically for COVID-related updates. Information was provided to local media outlets and was also posted on the college's social media accounts. Additionally, Academic Advisors sent text messages to students to notify them of available emergency grants.

The VP of Student Services informed students that, after applications were reviewed, students could view the award amounts in My Awards in the Financial Aid MyID@OCC, the student portal. An email was sent to students when the awards were posted to students' accounts.

