Central Maine Community College 00527600

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Report October 10, 2021

Allocation of Funds

Central Maine Community College has received the following funds from the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) programs:

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act \$941,360
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act \$941,360
- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act \$3,579,029

Central Maine Community College has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form that acknowledges the institution's intention to use the amounts received to provide HEERF grants to students.

Eligibility and Awarding Methodology

Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 Semesters

The following criteria were used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES Act:

- 1. The student had completed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "basic eligibility criteria" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
- 2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
- 3. The student had to be enrolled in spring 2020 courses at CMCC, and was pre-registered for fall 2020 courses at CMCC. Priority consideration was given to students who were also enrolled in a summer 2020 course at CMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **810**. Students were placed into invitation groups based on their spring 2020, fall 2020, and summer 2020 enrollment.

The students in the first invitation group were sent an email on May 19, 2020 to their personal and college email addresses, inviting them to complete the online application. The students in the second invitation group were sent an email on May 26, 2020. The students in the third invitation group were sent an email on June 1, 2020. The students in the fourth invitation group were sent an email on June 8, 2020.

Fall 2020 Semester

The following criteria was used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding through the CARES Act:

- 1. The student had completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "basic eligibility criteria" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
- 2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
- 3. The student had to be enrolled in fall 2020 courses at CMCC.

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The estimated total number of eligible students was **708**. Students were sent an invitation on October 13, 2020 and again on November 10, 2020.

Spring 2021 Semester

After the spring 2021 add-drop period ended on February 1, 2021, the application for CARES and CRRSA Act emergency grants was re-opened to all currently-enrolled students. Students were notified in the weekly Mustang Message email. Because the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act removed many of the previous restrictions to student eligibility, an invitation-only system was no longer needed. Students who were currently enrolled for the spring 2021 semester were eligible to apply for funding; a FAFSA was no longer required. The College used a maximum cap per student of \$3,000 per semester.

Summer 2021 Semester

Students who were currently enrolled were eligible to apply for funding, using the same modified criteria as during the spring 2021 semester. The maximum cap per student per semester remained \$3,000.

Fall 2021 Semester

Matriculated students who are enrolled in classes that have started are eligible to apply for funding. As of October 4, 2021 there are **1,952** eligible students. The application is open for limited periods during different weeks of the semester, due to the high volume of applications received. Awarding criteria is based on the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) if a FAFSA has been received, and whether the student is enrolled on at least a half time basis (see grid below).

EFC	Semester Award Cap Half-Time or Greater	Less than Half-Time			
0	4,000	2,000			
1-5,000	3,500	1,000			
5,001-10,000	2,000	1,000			
> 10,000	2,000	1,000			
No FAFSA	2,000	1,000			

Notification

Students are notified by email within 48 hours of the status of their request for assistance. The notification includes information that the funds will be refunded to the student within the following two weeks. The notification lists the total amount of emergency grant funds that the student has received for each semester.

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Distribution of Funds

As of September 30, 2021, Central Maine Community College has distributed \$3,430,462 in HEERF grants to 1,197 students.

Report Date: 10/10/2021	HEERF I Awarded	HEERF I Recipients		HEERF II Awarded	HEERF II Recipients		HEERF III Awarded	HEERF III Recipients		Total HEERF Awarded	Total HEERF Recipients	
2020												
2020 Q1 (Jan-Mar)	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	(u)
2020 Q2 (Apr-Jun)	132,800	94		0	0		0	0		132,800	94	(u)
2020 Q3 (Jul-Sep)	314,187	205		0	0		0	0		314,187	205	(u)
2020 Q4 (Oct-Dec)	284,061	181		0	0		0	0		284,061	181	(u)
2020 Totals	731,048	452	(u)	0	0	(u)	0	0	(u)	731,048	452	(u)
2021												
2021 Q1 (Jan-Mar)	210,312	117		301,588	171	Ì	0	0		511,900	272	(u)
2021 Q2 (Apr-Jun)	0	0		339,118	176		0	0		339,118	176	(u)
2021 Q3 (Jul-Sep)	0	0		298,211	234		1,550,185	632		1,848,396	815	(u)
2021 Q4 (Oct-Dec)	0	0										(u)
2021 Totals	210,312	117	(u)	938,917	480	(u)	1,550,185	632	(u)	2,699,414	1,002	(u)
2022												
2022 Q1 (Jan-Mar)	0	0		0	0							(u)
2022 Q2 (Apr-Jun)	0	0		0	0							(u)
2021 Q3 (Jul-Sep)	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
2021 Q4 (Oct-Dec)	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
2022 Totals	0	0	(u)	0	0	(u)	0		(u)	0		(u)
Grand Total	941,360	480		938,917	480		1,550,185	632		3,430,462	1,197	
Allocation	941,360			941,360			3,579,029			5,461,749		
Fund Balance	0		"	2,443		Ĭ.	2,028,844			2,031,287		