

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law. CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided through the CARES Act. On January 16, 2021, Ozarks Technical Community College received an additional \$3,975,331 in student aid funding to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. On January 17, 2021, OTC received \$13,059,477 for additional institutional support. CRRSAA authorizes recipients to make a portion of these institutional funds available for student aid.

Reporting date: **June 30, 2021**

The total amount of HEERF II funding that the institution will receive from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$3,975,331.

As of June 30, 2021, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students utilizing HEERF II funding is \$2,175,501.

The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in spring 2021 Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is 7,775. This represents the total number of unique students receiving grants. In some instances, multiple disbursements were issued.

Utilizing HEERF II funds, Ozarks Technical Community College provided emergency grants of \$465 each to 4,393 Title IV eligible Pell students and \$400 each to 3,382 eligible non-Pell students, enrolled in the spring 2021 term, to be used as needed by the student. Student eligibility was vetted through the college's Financial Aid office. (Students with a FAFSA on file indicating an EFC of 0-5711, were identified as high need.)

On March 23, 2021, the eligible students received an email regarding the March 26th distribution.

Additional grants for critical emergency needs as a result of the coronavirus disruption, continue to be awarded through an application process to students who meet eligibility requirements. A total of 162 students have received \$101,675. Awards are made on a first come, first served basis as funding is available.

Allowable emergency needs include:

- Food Insecurity
- Housing
- Tuition/Course Supplies/Technology
- Childcare
- Medical Expenses
- Reduced employment/Unemployed