

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) was signed into law. ARP authorizes \$170.3 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided through the CARES Act and the \$81.9 billion provided through CRRSAA. On May 13, 2021, Ozarks Technical Community College received an additional \$15,437,633 in student aid funding to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students and an additional \$14,473,049 for institutional support. The college has also received \$2,373,585 in federal stimulus funding through the Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Program.

Reporting date: **December 31, 2021**

The total amount of HEERF III funding that the institution will receive from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$15,437,633.

For the calendar quarter ending December 31, 2021, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students utilizing HEERF III funding is \$8,091,335.

The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in fall 2021 Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is 8,636. This represents the total number of unique students receiving grants. In some instances, multiple disbursements were issued.

Utilizing HEERF III funds, Ozarks Technical Community College provided emergency grants of \$1,040 each to 4,658 Title IV eligible Pell students and \$820 each to 3,978 eligible non-Pell students, enrolled in the fall 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 0-5846, were identified and prioritized as students with exceptional need.)

On October 18, 2021, the eligible students received an email regarding the October 21st distribution.

Additional grants for critical emergency need as a result of the coronavirus disruption, continue to be awarded through an application process to students who meet eligibility requirements.

During this calendar quarter, a total of 82 students have received \$41,000. 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