

ARP- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III Grants to students 4/10/2022 Quarterly Report

(1) An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the ARP (a)(1) program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

On May 14, 2021, Southeast Community College acknowledged receipt of funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP). In accordance with federal guidelines, SCC intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under ARP (a)(1) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students

(2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Southeast Community College has received a total of \$16,852,674.00, of which at least \$8,721,034.00 will be distributed to students in the form of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of March 31, 2022, Southeast Community College has distributed \$8,642,200.00 through the ARP (a)(1) program.

(4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) program.

As of March 31, 2022, Southeast Community College estimates there are 8504 students who will be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students under the ARP (a)(1) program.

(5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the ARP (a)(1) program.

As of March 31, 2022, Southeast Community College distributed funds to 8504 students through the ARP (a)(1) program.

(6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency

Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP (a)(1) program.

In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, Southeast Community College has determined that all undergraduate students enrolled at the College who are not dual-enrolled in high school may be eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students under the ARP (a)(1) program. The College used EFC data to determine the amount of financial assistance students would automatically receive in a disbursement of funds.

For the Fall 2021 semester, students who had an EFC that placed them in range to receive a Pell grant were awarded \$900. Students who either had an EFC above the Pell grant amount, did not have an EFC and/or did not apply for Federal Financial Aid received a grant in the amount of \$700.

For the Spring 2022 semester, students who had an EFC that placed them in range to receive a Pell grant were awarded \$700. Students who either had an EFC above the Pell grant amount, did not have an EFC and/or did not apply for Federal Financial Aid received a grant in the amount of \$500.

In addition, the College established an ARP/HEERF III Additional Relief Application for students to request grant aid above the amount that was automatically distributed. This application asked students to attest to their need and provide information about financial needs related to COVID-19. The ARP/HEERF III Additional Relief funds were provided through the Institutional portion of the ARP (a)(1) program. Student could be awarded one time and the maximum amount a student could receive in these funds was set at \$500.

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

As of March 31, 2022, Southeast Community College developed a website specifically for the ARP (a)(1) program. This site is accessible at <https://www.southeast.edu/arp-heerf-iii/> and links off the College's COVID 19 updates page. The site provides pertinent information about the ARP (a)(1) emergency financial aid grants which includes eligibility, how much students will receive, how grant amounts were determined, how the grants will be distributed and when they could expect to receive the funds. The College also communicated directly via email to 8,504 students informing them that they would receive an automatic distribution of ARP/HEERF III funds based on their Fall and/or Spring semester enrollment. Students were also provided instructions on the college ARP/HEERF III website about the requirements for the ARP/HEERF III Additional Relief Application and how they could apply for those funds.