

## Howard College COVID-19 Student Emergency Solutions Project The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) Website Report First and Final Quarterly Report: June 17, 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 116-260, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on Dec. 27, 2020.

Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public. This information must also be updated no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30). The Department of Education extends the deadline by which institutions must submit retroactive reports for HEERF II for the first quarter of 2021 (January through March) to the end of the second calendar quarter, which is June 30, 2021.

- Howard College acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the
  Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has
  used no less than 50 percent of the funds received under the Coronavirus Response and
  Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) program to provide Emergency
  Financial Aid Grants to students.
- 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.
  - Howard College received \$727,304 under CRRSAA from the Department of Education pursuant to Howard College's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CRRSAA program as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).
  - As of March 29, 2021, Howard College has distributed \$727,304 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA program.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive emergency Financial Aid grants to students under the CRRSAA program.

1,738 students



5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of March 29, 2021, 485 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA 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 CRRSAA program.

Howard College formed a CRRSAA (HEERF II) Team to create a plan for distributing the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA program. The <u>attached</u> <u>distribution plan</u> outlines the method used to determine which students were eligible to apply for funds under the act. Each approved applicant is to receive \$1,500.

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

The application for COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds was posted on the COVID-19 Special Notice page on the college website on February 23, 2021. A news banner link was placed on the website home page to direct students to the special notice page. Eligibility guidelines and instructions were posted with the application link. Additionally, notifications about the grant were shared multiple times through all social media platforms utilized by the college (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

On February 24, 2021, an email was sent to all students giving instructions on how to apply for the funds. On February 24, faculty and staff were also notified by email to help assist students on how to apply for the funds.

The application remained open on the Howard College website until March 9, 2021.