Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II and III)

CRRSAA and ARP: Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

For the Calendar Quarter Ending December 31, 2021

FINAL REPORT

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Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) received **$111,249** from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and **$454,132** from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which were designated to provide financial aid grants to students. The CRRSAA and ARP require that institutions prioritize students with *exceptional* need, such as students who receive Pell grants, and authorizes grants to students enrolled exclusively in distance education. Students must use the CRRSAA and ARP grants to cover expenses related to their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

BMCC also received HEERF II and III awards for institutional aid in the amounts of **$417,617** and **$316,836** under the CRRSAA and ARP Act, respectively, which may be used to provide additional financial aid grants to students.

The Department of Education required reports for the calendar quarters January-March and April-June to be conspicuously posted on the College's website by July 10, 2021. Thereafter, quarterly reports are required no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30). These reports should not be cumulative, but cover the specific quarterly timeframe.

The following information is being provided to comply with the U.S. Department of Education's reporting requirements:

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 CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

   Institutions who received HEERF I grant funds under the CARES Act were not required to submit an application for the HEERF II grant under the CRRSAA and HEERF III grant under the ARP.

On January 19, 2021, BMCC received its HEERF II Grant Award Notification and has used the entire award of $111,249, which was solely designated to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. On May 13, 2021, BMCC received its HEERF III Grant Award Notification and has used the entire award of $454,132, to provide emergency financial aid grants to students, as stated under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

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 under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

On January 19, 2021, BMCC was awarded $111,249 to provide emergency financial aid grants to students under the CRRSAA. On April 15, 2021, $111,249 was deposited in the College's bank account for the check distribution to students on March 25, 2021.

On May 13, 2021, BMCC was awarded $454,132 to provide emergency financial aid grants to students under the ARP. On August 5, 2021, $145,200 was deposited in the College's bank account for the check distribution to students on July 30, 2021. On October 13, 2021, $308,932 was deposited in the College's bank account for the check distribution to students on October 14, 2021.

3. **The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).**

The total amount distributed to students was $308,932 for this quarter from the Student Aid portion of the HEERF funding.

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

For the Fall, 2021 semester, BMCC determined that 469 students were eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant out of a total of 509 students enrolled.

5. **The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

There were 310 students who received emergency financial aid grants from the student portion of the award for this quarter. BMCC also used the institutional portion to award emergency financial aid grants to 159 students.

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 and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Our goal was to distribute the CRRSAA student grants as widely and equitably as possible, while complying with the Department of Education's regulations and guidance, and prioritizing students with the greatest need.

BMCC established the eligibility requirements and then determined the award amounts using a 3-tier approach to prioritize students with exceptional financial need based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the FAFSA. The award amounts for the Fall, 2021 semester were based on student enrollment status as of October 1, 2021.

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

To distribute the funds more quickly and ensure that all eligible students receive funding, the College identified the eligible students and sent them an email, based on their EFC, notifying them of the funding, award amount, check distribution date, and how the funds may be used. A letter was also mailed to the students with the emergency financial aid grant check.

The emails and letter included a link to the website with detailed information about the Student Emergency Grants, which can be found here.