

## **CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSAA)**

The College was awarded funding under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) which was authorized through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). The provisions of the award require the College to post the following update:

- In late January 2021, the College was notified of its award grant totaling \$1,222,831 from the Department of Education. As required under the award, the College used no less than \$404,508 of the funding received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. The \$818,323 remaining balance of the grant went towards reimbursement to the College for expenditures incurred and to help recover lost revenue due to a disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus.
- Consistent with the approach used under the initial Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant, the College developed a method to determine which students would receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, based on student financial need. The College reviewed Title IV eligible students who had filed a FASFA through the Department of Education. A tiered approach with a graduated award amount based on the student's expected family contribution was used in determining grant amounts. Any remaining funds were to be awarded based on a supplemental grant application process, whereby a qualifying Title IV eligible student could request funding for expenditures, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses due to a disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus.
- The College notified and released instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants via email and through a letter included with their grant payment.
- As of March 2021, the College disbursed 587 grants to eligible students, equaling \$392,700.
- The \$11,808 remaining balance of the Student portion was reserved for supplemental grant awards, which were processed later in the spring.
- Subsequent to the initial disbursement, the College developed a process for eligible students to request additional grant funds until April 30, 2021. These requests were reviewed on a case-by-case basis by a committee facilitated through the Dean of Students' Office.

- As of May 24, 2021, the committee had received and reviewed more than forty-six applications for additional grant funds. These applications were subsequently approved, and the additional awards totaling \$11,808 were distributed on June 10, 2021.