

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II

HEERF II CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Final Report – June 30, 2021

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On 12/27/2020, the President of the United States signed the Coronavirus, Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021. This Act provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II), found in Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act, allows higher education institutions to use certain funds allocated by the Department of Education to support students and higher education institutions with expenses and financial needs related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The following information is provided by Northwest Iowa Community College as required by the Department of Education (“ED”) in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the CRRSAA Act.

1. This statement acknowledges that Northwest Iowa Community College (NWICC) received the Grant Award Notification on January 17, 2021. As stated under Section 314(1)(1) of the CRRSAA ACT, NWICC will use at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under Section 18004 (a) (1) of the CARES Act.
2. NWICC received a total of \$996,810 from the Department of Education under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act, of which \$211,268 will be provided directly to students with expenses related to the COVID-19 crisis. NWICC received \$785,542 for the institutional portion of this award.
3. The total amount of Student Emergency Aid Grant funds distributed to students under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act as of June 30, 2021 is \$211,268.
4. NWICC has determined the estimated total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act was 558
5. The total number of students who have been offered an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act is 558. 558 grants were distributed on April 14, 2021.
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(1)(a) of the CRRSAA Act include:
 - A list will be developed of all students who have filed a FAFSAA and who otherwise meet the criteria for HEERF II distribution. There was a block grant done to distribute funds to the students who met this criteria. All eligible students received a grant based on the number of credits they were enrolled in.
 - Award levels were as follows
 - Pell recipients – 12 credits or more - \$600
 - Pell recipients – part time - \$400
 - Non-Pell recipients – 12 credits or more - \$300
 - Non-Pell recipients – part time - \$200
7. All information that that has been communicated with students can be found at <https://nwicc.edu/cares-act-emergency-funding>