On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated funds for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. HEERF III allows higher education institutions to use these appropriated funds to support students, and the institution itself, 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 in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the ARP Act.

1. Institutions who received HEERF I grant funds under the CARES Act were not required to submit an application for the HEERF II or HEERF III grant. This statement acknowledges that Northwest Iowa Community College (NWICC) received the Grant Award Notification on May 12, 2021. NWICC will use no less than $814,168 (the student portion) of the funds received under Section 2003(a)(1) of the Act CFDA 84.425E Allocation to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that NWICC received from the Department is $814,168 pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants that have been distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act is $0 for the calendar quarter covering September 30, 2021.

4. The estimated total amount of students that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid has yet to be determined. As of September 30, 2021, the NWICC is developing its strategy for distributing HEERF III funds.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act at NWICC is $0 as of September 30, 2021.

6. As of September 30, 2021, the information about the ARP HEERF III Act grants to students is in process of being developed.

7. All information that has been communicated with students can be found at https://nwicc.edu/cares-act-emergency-funding