Report on HEERF II / CRRSAA and HEERF III / ARP Funding for Student Relief Received by Rockingham Community College

Date of Report: June 30, 2021

In compliance with requirements of the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs, Rockingham Community College submits the following report:

1. Acknowledgement
Rockingham Community College acknowledges that it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education 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.

2. Amount of Funds Received
Rockingham Community College has received $2,195,785.00 (HEERF II $466,857 + HEERF III $1,728,928) 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.

3. Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students
For the quarter ending June 30, 2021, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants which Rockingham Community College has distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is $173,922.83 (Direct Payment Grant $39,850.00 + Remaining Balance Grant $51,700.00 + Debt Repayment [Permission received by student] $82,372.83).

4. Estimated Number of Eligible Students
Rockingham Community College estimates that the total number of RCC students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is 702.

5. Number of Students Receiving Grants
For the quarter ending June 30, 2021, 304 unduplicated Rockingham Community College students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

6. Method(s)Used to Determine Which Students Received Grants and Amounts
Rockingham Community College used the following method(s) 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:

RCC senior administrators and enrollment and financial aid directors met on March 26, 2021 to determine which students would receive grants and the amounts given. The group reviewed guidelines from the Department of Education and determined that funds would be disbursed to curriculum students; however, a FAFSA application would not be

required. It was also determined that Pell eligible students would be prioritized. Students were required to submit a short application to indicate how they were impacted by COVID. The following funding scenario was developed:

RCC chose to use an enrollment intensity model using credit hour ranges of 1-4, 5-7, 8-11, and 12+ hours. A minimum distribution amount of $150 to cover the tuition for at least one 3-hour course was established, with a maximum award amount of $750 for those taking 12 or more hours. Students who are Pell-eligible received an additional $100.

7. Instructions to Students

Rockingham Community College provided the following instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

On April 13, 2021, RCC's Financial Aid Office began sending multiple e-mails (see below for full text) and an electronic flyer (see below) to Summer 2021 registered students, informing them of the availability of funds. No deadline was established.

The college's Public Information Office took the following actions:

A yellow announcement bar was placed across every page on the RCC website and the online student information portal, Self-Service, announcing the deadline to apply and containing a link to the application. On April 30, 2020, a news story was posted on the website, **Students: Apply for emergency relief funds by May 11**, with a follow-up story on May 12, **$150k in Emergency Relief Funds awarded to students; $350k still available**. Both stories were distributed to local media outlets. They were also shared on RCC's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. Links to the stories were also posted on the RCC Cares page, which contains COVID-19 information and updates. Invitations to apply for the funds have been posted across social media on several occasions.

The full text of the April 13, 2021 e-mail from RCC's Financial Aid Office to students is below:

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Tue 4/13/2021 3:57 PM

To:

- **Summer_2021_HEERFs_Application;**
- **RCC_SP21Students**

Cc:

- **RCC_Full-Time_Faculty_Staff;**
- **RCC_Adjunct_Faculty;**
- **RCC_Part-Time**

Attention all Summer 2021 students!

The U.S. Department of Education is providing federal funding for students due to COVID-19 through the CRRSA Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) HEERF II (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund). Students who have registered for Summer 2021 must complete the application to apply. Funding is limited and applications should be submitted through June 11th.

Eligibility Criteria

- *Enrolled in a curriculum program at RCC for Summer 2021*
- *Have a High school Diploma or GED Equivalent **(CCP - Career & College Promise and ECHS - Early College High School students are not eligible)***
- *Meeting RCC Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements*

FAQs:

How do I apply for Emergency Relief Fund?

- *Complete the HEERF II Application (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund)*

Do I have to submit the FAFSA to be eligible?
- *No. However, students with demonstrated need as determined by the FAFSA will receive a greater amount of funding.*

I have not submitted a FAFSA application, is it too late?
- *No – You can submit your FAFSA now. However, the FAFSA must be submitted and received by RCC prior to student's completion of this HEERF II application to be considered for the greater amount of funding.*

How much funding can I receive?
- *Grant amounts vary by student circumstances.*

How will I receive my funding?
- *Direct deposit (enter banking information via your self-service account) or paper check to the mailing address on file if no bank account information is entered.*

How can the funding be used?
- *Funds should be used for emergency expenses incurred due to COVID-19.*

How will I know if I have been approved?
- *You will be notified via your RCC email account.*

Can I receive an additional award if I have previously been awarded in prior semesters?
- *Yes!*

Best,

RCC Financial Aid

Rockingham Community College
PO Box 38

Wentworth, NC 27375
Telephone: (336) 342-4261 Extension 2203
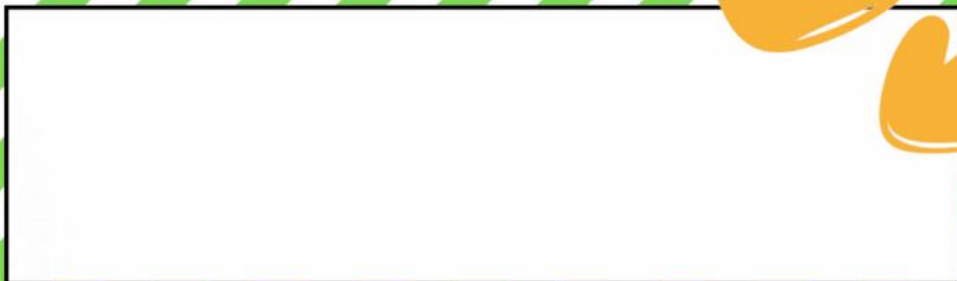FAX: (336) 342-1809

Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm
Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

REGISTERED FOR SUMMER?

RCC HAS GRANT FUNDING FOR YOU!

ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HEERF II (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund)

The purpose of this application is for students to apply for federal emergency relief funds provided by the U.S. Department of Education through the CRRSA Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund). These funds are currently available for the Summer 2021 semester.

Are you currently registered for the Summer 2021 semester? required

○ Yes ◉ No

RCC Student ID # required

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Name required

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RCC Student Email Address

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Phone

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Have you completed your 2021-2022 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

○ Yes ◉ No

Students who have completed the FAFSA may be eligible for a greater amount in HEERF II relief funding.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, have you experienced a financial harship due to any of the following? Select all that apply. required

☑ Technology

☐ Transportation

☐ Food

☐ Housing

☐ Healthcare

☐ Childcare

☐ Loss of Employment

☐ Other

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Please describe how you have been financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. required

I authorize RCC to apply my HEERF II Relief funds to previous and current unpaid balances on my RCC account.

○ Yes ⦿ No

If yes, funds will be applied to any unpaid balances. If no, funds will be disbursed directly to the student and student will be responsible for any unpaid tuition/fee charges on the account.

Certification required

⦿ I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature required

Date of Signature required

Submit