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July 1 – September 30, 2021
Quarterly Report

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Houghton College received certain funding under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES-HEERF I), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA-HEERF II) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA-HEERF III). HEERF requires that institutions receiving funding under section 18004(a)(1) provide financial aid grants to students.

HEERF Emergency Financial Grants to students may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Funds are not now restricted to expenses associated with the closure of campus in the Spring 2020 semester.

Under current legislation, the HEERF grants provide institutions with the discretion to determine the amount and availability of each individual emergency financial grant consistent with all applicable laws, including nondiscrimination laws but must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need. HEERF funds may be used for students enrolled in degree-seeking, non-degree seeking, non-credit, dual enrollment, and continuing education programs without restriction to in-person instruction. As of May 14, 2021, remaining HEERF funds may be awarded to refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students who qualify for HEERF student grants, as the US Department of Education has removed the requirements that a student must be eligible for Title IV aid to receive financial assistance under the HEERF programs. This posting serves as our public reporting as prescribed by the Education Department.

1. Houghton College has signed and returned to the Department of Education, the Certification and Agreement. The College fully intends to abide by its commitment.
2. Houghton College has been awarded a total of \$2,865,864 consisting of \$636,112 from the CARES Act, \$636,112 from the CRRSAA and \$1,593,640 from the ARPA pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement to be used for Emergency Financial Grants to Students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act-HEERF III for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 is \$805. The complete distribution for the remaining balance is in process as of the date of this report.
4. The estimated number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARPA is 904.
5. The total number of students who have received a HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 is 1.

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 18004(a)(1) of the ARPA is as follows:

- In late March 2021, a survey link was emailed to all eligible students enrolled during the 20-21 Academic Year. The survey requested information intended to assess a student's exceptional need such as household income level; loss of employment; drop in household income; emergency hospitalization; death in the household; access to internet; access to a computer; trouble paying for housing, utilities, transportation; and outstanding medical bills. Room was provided for a student to provide additional information that may further explain the student's exceptional need. Points were assigned to each possible answer and totaled for each student response.
- Point totals were divided into five categories with awards to students ranging from \$0 to \$3,219.56. No students were in the lowest point category so the lowest actual award was \$804.89.
- One student's survey was missed during the quarter ended June 30, 2021. The survey was processed in accordance with the procedures above and the student was awarded \$804.89 from the ARPA funds in this quarter ended September, 30, 2021.
- An assessment of exceptional need to distribute the remaining ARPA funds is in process as of the date of this report.

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

CRRSAA/ARPA-HEERF II & III Missed Survey Response

- Students and parents were sent an email on March 18, 2021, advising them of the program and providing the students with a link to take the Exceptional Need Survey.
- An ACH was issued to the missed student's personal bank account.
- FAQs are available at <https://www.houghton.edu/covid-19/cares-act/>.

Any questions on this report can be addressed to caresact@houghton.edu.