Quarterly Report on Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)—Student Aid Portion

Report Date: January 10, 2021 (quarter October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)

South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) received education stabilization funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), Public Law No: 116-136. On May 6, 2020, the Office of Postsecondary Education published requirements for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) reporting. Reporting for HEERF funds distributed to SLCC will be accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation and updated every 45 days thereafter. This report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

Acknowledgement

The Certification and Agreement was signed by the Chancellor on 4/12/2020 and submitted to the Department of Education on 4/14/2020. SLCC received a grant award notification on 4/23/2020. SLCC will use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Amount of Funding Received

SLCC received \$2,822,975 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Amount of Funding Distributed to Students

The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act during the quarter of this report is \$0. However, funds were not claimed by 12 students (\$779.61 per student) for a total of \$9,355.32. These funds will be returned and reevaluated.

Estimated Number of Eligible Students

Eligible students were not determined during this quarter.

Number of Students Who Have Received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant

No students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants during this quarter.

Method Used to Determine Which Students Received Emergency Financial Aid Grants

In order to provide consistency across all colleges, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System developed the following eligibility requirements:

- students with active enrollment in a Title IV eligible program between March 1-31, 2020,
- students who filed a FAFSA no later than March 13, 2020, and
- students who were eligible to receive Title IV funds within the spring 2020 semester

On May 6, 2020, an email was sent to SLCC students to provide detailed information regarding eligibility requirements. The total allocation was then equally divided among all eligible students; thus, each received \$779.61 in emergency funds.

Directions/Guidance Provided to Students

A <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)</u> document was developed to assist students in understanding the reasoning behind these eligibility requirements and distribution of the funds. Students can email questions to <u>CARESQuestions@solacc.edu</u>.