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HEERF AWARD P425E202829 – Pine Technical and Community College

Q2 2021 HEERF I & II – CARES and CRRSAA Reporting (Student Portion)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), was signed into law on December 27, 2020. This legislation provided supplemental funding to the HEERF I CARES Act awards to colleges and universities in the United States to ensure learning continued for students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following information is provided by Pine Technical and Community College in response to the Department of Education's reporting requirements.

- 1. An acknowledgment that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that this institution has used the applicable amount of funds designative under the ARP program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

Pine Technical and Community College (PTCC) signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the HEERF I - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 17, 2020 which included assurances to use at least 50% of the total CARES Act allocation for student emergency funds.

On January 17, 2021, PTCC received notification of a supplemental HEERF II award through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), but as a recipient of HEERF I - CARES Act funding, was not required to submit an additional certification agreement for the HEERF II award. PTCC intends to use the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP program.**

On January 17, 2021, PTCC was notified of an additional supplemental HEERF II award from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$240,632.00 for emergency financial aid grants to students. A total of \$481,264.00 of HEERF funds was awarded.

- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA Q1 2021: \$203,326 January 1, 2021-March 31, 2021**
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP program.**

Based on the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), the pool of eligible students expanded to include all enrolled students PTCC identified 297 eligible students as of the Spring 2021 term.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP program.

Two hundred ninety-seven students received Emergency Federal Financial Aid Grants emergency grants through application for Q1, 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 the ARP program.

Students who met the CRRSAA Act eligibility could apply for additional emergency grant funds by completing an application for additional funds. Consideration for these funds included the areas of food insecurity, housing, course materials, technology, health care, student debt, child care and other COVID-impacted expenses.

Ineligible students included: PSEO and Concurrent high school students and students enrolled entirely non-credit courses (continuing education), students whose tuition was covered fully by a third-party were not eligible to receive funds, students enrolled in hour-based courses (continuing education and customized training), and students enrolled in the 2nd Chance Pell program.

Approval of the spending plan was given both by student leaders and the Minnesota State Chancellor's Office.

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

PTCC sent distinct messages regarding the HEERF II funding opportunities.

- [CARES Communication Samples](#)
- [CRRSAA Communication Samples](#)