

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II)- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

September 30, 2021

Moberly Area Community College (MACC) is pleased to announce our continued partnership with the U. S. Department of Education (USDOE) in the delivery of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), created under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

MACC was awarded \$1,205,193 from the USDOE pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. MACC signed and returned to the Certification and Agreement to the U. S. Department of Education with the assurance that the institution will use the funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

MACC began distributing Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act on March 12, 2021. **As of June 23, 2021, MACC had distributed more than \$1,205,193 HEERF II Emergency Grants to 1,527 students.**

According to the CRRSAA guidelines, there were approximately 4,449 students enrolled at MACC during the spring 2021 semester who may have been eligible to receive Emergency Grants to Students. Of the 4,449 students enrolled at MACC during this semester, MACC chose to prioritize these grants for degree-seeking students; therefore, based on MACC's selection criteria, 2,761 students were eligible.

MACC chose to distribute the CRRSA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students in two phases, as described below:

Phase 1: Automatic Grants.

Part A. Guidance from the U.S. Department of Education directed schools to prioritize students who demonstrate the greatest need, which generally translates to students who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant program. As a result, the CRRSAA HEERF II funds were allocated to all Pell-eligible students under Phase 1 in the following manner:

Students with an Expected Family Contribution of \$5,711 or below (according to their 2020-2021 FAFSA)

| Enrolled in spring 2021 semester as of March 1: | 1-5 hours | 6-8 hours | 9-11 hours | 12 + hours |
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| | \$ 500.00 | \$600.00 | \$ 700.00 | \$ 800.00 |

MACC disbursed \$919,400 to 1,271 students under Phase 1, Part A.

Phase 2: Application-based grants. Additional HEERF II Emergency Grants are available to students through an application-based funding request process. The grant award amount will vary based on each applicant's request and available funding. The maximum award amount will be \$1,000. Students may apply by completing the CRSSA Act HEERF II Emergency Grant application found in the Financial Aid portal in myMACC.

The application allowed students an opportunity to voluntarily authorize MACC to apply their HEERF II Emergency Grant to the unpaid balance on their student account.

Applications were first available on March 19, 2021. Applications will be accepted until all funds are depleted. The application was suspended on June 23, 2021.

MACC has disbursed \$308,900 to 515 students under Phase 2 as of June 23, 2021.

As of April 9, 2021, MACC awarded \$1,166,200 to 1,476 students who were adversely impacted by COVID-19.

As of June 23, 2021, MACC awarded \$1,288,300 to 1,527 students who were adversely impacted by COVID-19. (NOTE: MACC exceeded the allocation for HEERF II Emergency Grants to Students, therefore, it used \$23,107 from the HEERF II Emergency Grants for Institutions to meet the needs of students.)

UPDATE September 30, 2021: Due to uncashed and expired checks, MACC's adjusted disbursements to students were \$1,220,269 to 1,515 students who were adversely impacted by COVID-19. (NOTE: MACC exceeded the allocation for HEERF II Emergency Grants to Students, therefore, it used \$15,076 from the HEERF II Emergency Grants for Institutions to meet the needs of students.)

In order to help students understand the CRRSA Act Emergency Grants and how to apply at MACC, a list of Frequently Asked Questions was developed shared, and with all students, faculty and staff within the MACC community. The contents of this document can be found at the following link: <https://www.macc.edu/federal-emergency-grants-for-students-faq#crssa-act-heerf-ii>