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Required Web-based Report for HEERF Student Aid: November 20, 2020

HVCC has distributed \$2,575,344.28 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of 11/20/2020.

HVCC has determined for spring 2020 3,423 students at the institution were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. For Fall 2020 3,753 students at the institutional were eligible to participate.

3959 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of 11/20/2020.

HVCC has prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to its students in the following manner (methodology):

Phase 1: Following Department of Education guidance eligible HVCC students include those who were enrolled in credit-bearing courses (and not exclusively online at the time of the outbreak) at the College during the Spring 2020 semester, have filed a 2019/2020 FAFSA, and are deemed to be eligible for federal student aid.

Students will need to submit an application for emergency funds which will require them to detail what expenditures related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus they are seeking funds for.

Applications received by the Priority Deadline of June 19 will be reviewed and separated into two priority categories. Priority 1 students are students with Pell eligible EFC's and have the greatest documented need. They will be awarded up to \$750.00 initially. Priority 2 students are all other eligible students. They will be awarded up to \$750.00 if funding remains after Priority 1 awards are made.

After the June 19 deadline, remaining funding will be evaluated and additional applications may be funded or additional funding may be granted up to a student's full request, up to a \$6,195 maximum.

Phase 2: The original awarding plan (Phase 1) was implemented as designed, providing all eligible students the opportunity to apply for funding through HEERF by a priority deadline. The number of applications received was significantly lower than expected, resulting in disbursements well below the allocated amount.

Phase 2 was been designed to more effectively provide funds to impacted students while still meeting the intent of the funds and prioritizing the designated students. The \$750.00 initial payment limit was been removed for Phase 2 as well as the Priority determinations used in Phase1. Funds from Phase 2 were awarded based on eligibility and amount for impacted students in addition to anything awarded from Phase 1 up to the \$6,195.00 maximum per student.

Students in PHASE 2 would include any eligible student enrolled in a semester starting spring 2020 or later who has not yet reached the maximum award amount of \$6,195.00. SUNY campuses have discretion with regard to this determination for students attending their campuses. All HVCC students have been impacted in some way by the change to remote/distance education. Selected recipients of funds will be required to complete and sign an online application to certify they understand that the funds can only be used for certain expenses incurred due to the disruption of on campus courses related to COVID.

Phase 3: For the Fall 2020 had 3,262 students eligible for CARES funding who have been impacted by the continued disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus who had not yet received any CARES funding. As there were funds remaining, and to allow for all eligible students to receive an award, part-time students (scheduled in 1-11 credit hours) were awarded \$50.00 and full-time students (scheduled in 12+ credit hours) were award \$100.00. An e-mail was sent to these students indicating what allowable expenses are for the funds.

Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students received awards ranging from \$50 to \$6,195 as of 11/30/2020.

Funding is available to eligible students impacted by the disruption of Campus Operations due to coronavirus. Allowable expenditures include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare.

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