

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II and III) Student Aid Report for the period April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

In compliance with section 314(e) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and the Department of Education's (ED) reporting authority under 2 CFR 200.328 and 2 CFR 200.329 for reporting on the institution's use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) HEERF III funds, Saint Mary's College of California is making its quarterly report describing the use of the funds distributed from the HEERF II and III grant programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. CRRSAA- HEERF II

Saint Mary's College was allocated \$1,262,868 in funding for students with "exceptional need" through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II). Notification of these funds was made to the campus community on February 9, 2021 with a notice on the College website and an article in the weekly news bulletin.

A total of \$1,295,000 was awarded to 1,016 students by March 31, 2021 who were "Pell Grant eligible" or had an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) under 10,000 determined by the 2020–2021 FAFSA application. The amount of the award was \$1,400 for a full time student, and \$700 for a part time student.

Instructions and FAQ's concerning the CRRSAA HEERF II grants were provided to students on the College's website on February 9, 2021. All eligible students received an email notification on March 18 outlining the grant award and providing instructions on how to receive the funds. Students whose financial situations may have changed since the filing of the 2020-2021 FAFSA, or been impacted by the Pandemic, were also encouraged to file an appeal with the financial aid office.

2. ARP – HEERF III

Saint Mary's College was allocated \$3,350,622 from the ARP (a)(1) program to provide emergency financial aid grants to students with exceptional need. The college is developing its plan to distribute these funds, but has made an initial allocation of the funds to re-engage students who would otherwise be at risk of not completing their college degrees as a result of the coronavirus. The College sent a survey to students who had not re-enrolled for terms subsequent to the Spring 2020 term.

As of June 30, 2021, the College has distributed \$23,985 of ARP funds to students who responded to the survey citing circumstances related to COVID have prevented them from continuing their education. The College has also distributed \$45,470 of its institutional funds to students who have suffered financial loss due to the recent unemployment of a family member.

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