Wayne Community College Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Reporting

In compliance with requirements of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Wayne Community College (WCC) acknowledges that the College signed and returned to the Department of Education, the College's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA. This acknowledgement affirms that the College has used, or intends to use, the student allotment portion of the funds received under Section 314(a)(3) of CRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The College was funded \$935,622 from the Department of Education in CRRSAA Emergency Relief funds pursuant to the College's Certification of Agreement for Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The method used by the College to establish which Curriculum students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants via an automatic award used information obtained from various departments including Admission and Records and Financial Aid and Veteran Services to determine:

- Enrollment in Summer 2021
- Enrollment and/or acceptance for enrollment in an eligible degree or certificate program
- Student has a valid social security number
- Student is a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen
- Student completed a FAFSA with a valid EFC.

As of the date of this report (September 27th 2021), the College has distributed \$935,622 to 1389 unduplicated students.

The estimated total number of the College's students eligible to be considered for an Emergency Financial Aid Grants to student under section 134(a)(3) of the CRRSAA is 1547.

WCC used a team of staff including the Director Financial Aid and Veteran Services, Associate Director Financial Aid, VP Academic and Student Services, Associate VP of Academic and Student Services, Comptroller, Vice President for Workforce, Continuing Education and Community Engagement and Vice President of Administrative and Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer to identify, strategize, and plan for timely disbursement of CRRSAA Emergency Grant funding.

Students who were determined eligible for the CRRSAA Emergency Grant funding received an email stating:

Dear Student,

WCC recognizes the ongoing challenges you may be experiencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand the importance of your education and wish to make every resource available to you to help you continue your education at the College.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) provides additional funding for student financial aid grants through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II). Recipients of a HEERF II grant may use the funds for expenses including tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. In addition, students may, but are not required to, use the funds to satisfy an outstanding account balance.

Our records show that you may be eligible for a HEERF II grant for the 2021 Summer semester. Awarding of these funds will be based on enrollment status and financial need as determined by the 2020-2021 FAFSA (EFC ranges 0 - 8500). If you wish any amount you are awarded to be applied to an outstanding account balance, please email <u>Wendy Potter</u> or call 919-739-7093.

If you have any questions about your financial aid, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Kind regards,

WCC Financial Aid & Veterans Services

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WCC allocated Federal student emergency grants to Summer 2021 curriculum students who were enrolled in eligible degree programs, if students had a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file for the academic year, using the EFC to establish the level of need. WCC also considered the student's enrollment for Summer 2021 when determining the award amounts.

EFC	FT 3/4 time			time	HT			1/4 time		LT1/4	
0-1500	\$	900	\$	675	\$	450		\$	150	\$	75
1501-5711	\$	750	\$	550	\$	350		\$	125	\$	60
5712 to											
8.5K	\$	600	\$	425	\$	250		\$	100	\$	45

Students were advised to contact the office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services with any questions.

Students who have past due balances, created on or after March 13. 2020, can be awarded an amount up to the balance on their account. In these instances, the institution is defining need by the balance since the balance is preventing the student from furthering his education. When the institution awards a student with a previous balance, the student must complete a post card verifying his mailing address. The same post card allows the student to select whether to have the funds posed to his student account or mailed to the address on the being verified on the postcard. The institution will also accept an email from the student with the same information. Verbal permission to post the funds to a student account are not acceptable.

Checks were prepared and mailed to 596 Curriculum students totaling \$254,292 throughout the summer semester. A total of 1301 Curriculum students received a total of \$912,277 from the CRRSAA Emergency Grant funding. Of the \$912,277 in CRRSAA funds sent to students, \$213,745 was for students attending completely on-line. On-line students were not calculated for the final report as the initial report exceeded the minimum required to be awarded to completely on-line students.

Continuing Education students were eligible for funds from CRRSAA. Students were notified by making in person announcements in classes that included contact information for the scholarship/grant coordinator in Workforce Continuing Education. In addition, the following social media post was made:

Are you enrolled in a Workforce CE occupational course this summer (2021) or have already completed a course? If your course was/is ten (10) hours or more in length, you are eligible to apply for HERFF II Funds. Students must demonstrate need by supplying documents as indicated on the application. Students will receive an amount based on the hours of their course. Applications may be found on our WCE Scholarship webpage under the heading OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE and must be turned in along with documentation to Maxine Cooper. Applications were accepted throughout the summer 2021 semester. https://www.waynecc.edu/continuing-ed/scholarships/

Award amounts were determined by the cost of attendance and need was determined by the student being unemployed or underemployed.

Checks were prepared and mailed to 82 students totaling \$21,105 during this semester. A total of 89 continuing education students received a total of \$23,345 from the CRRSAA Emergency Grant funding.

Funding from the CRRSAA student grant portion has been expended. This is the final report for CRSSAA student funding.