

## **About the HEERF I (CARES Act) and HEERF II (CRRSAA) Criteria Updated 6/8/2021**

1. We, Foothill College, certify that we have signed and returned to the Department of Education (DOE) the required Certification and Agreement. We fully intend to use at least 50% of the funds received under Section 1804(a)(1) of the CARES Act and at least an equivocal amount from the HEERF II (CRRSAA) allocation to provide emergency financial aid grants to enrolled students.

2. The total amount of funds expected to be received from the DOE, and to be utilized for emergency financial aid grants to students is – \$1,200,719.00 for HEERF I funds and expenditures of at least \$1,200,719.00 for HEERF II funds.

3. The total amount of HEERF I and HEERF II funds expended to students as of 6-8-2021 is \$2,380,524.00.

4. The approximate number of students eligible to participate, under preliminary injunction status, not excluding exclusively online students, is 17,548.

5. The total number of students who have received emergency financial aid grants as of 5-2-2021 is 3,032.

6. (a)The process of CARES Act fund determination starts with a ‘student needs’ form being submitted by interested students. That list of students who submitted the form with their COVID-19 related expenses is run through Institutional Research (IR) to check for exclusively online students as of 3-13-2020 (Per DOE requirements) and to check for citizen status. Those allowable COVID-19 related expenses that are fundable by the CARES Act are coded and a set dollar amount per requested need is compiled. The offered funds are then disbursed into the Foothill College Student account for a 100% refund to students.

(b)The process of CRRSA Act fund determination starts with a ‘student needs’ form being submitted by interested students. That list of students who submitted the form with their COVID-19 related expenses is validated for eligible citizen status. Those allowable COVID-19 related expenses that are fundable by the CRRSA Act are coded and a set dollar amount per requested need is compiled. The offered funds are then disbursed into the Foothill College Student account for a 100% refund to students.

7. An email is sent to each individual student after the weekly refund. See below for current text.

### **Email Text Sent to Students Who Apply CONGRATULATIONS!**

Thank you for submitting an Emergency Relief Fund form. Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) are provided as emergency financial aid grants to assist students with expenses related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and are intended to soften its impact on your educational experience.

We are happy to say we were able to award you some funds over the last few weeks. Your award can be used on any expense that is related to your class, technology, or living needs and you do not need to report back to the college on how you spend the funds. The

Department of Education and the IRS indicated that these funds are NOT going to be taxed, much like the original CARES Act funding.

These funds are typically refunded on Tuesdays from your student account to BankMobile, who then directs the funds to you, depending on your refund preference selection. Therefore, it is important that you check your address through your student portal to make sure it is current (MyPortal > My Profile > Change Addresses or Phones) and use REFUNDSELECTION.COM to pick your refund method. If you need to make any updates to your address, follow the steps listed below:

Log in to your student portal.

Click on "My Profile" on the left-hand side of the screen.

Click on "Change Addresses or Phones".

Click on "Update Addresses and Phones" towards the bottom of the screen.

Click on "Current" for each address type you need to update.

Make the necessary changes and then click "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

We sincerely hope that you will stay in college and continue to thrive. Foothill College will continue to provide the support resources you need to be fully successful. The learning environment has shifted dramatically over the last year and, while this has brought many challenges, Foothill College will continue to support you in this effort. In summary, please reach out to us for any help and we will do our best to provide everything you need to be successful. We are already aware of a third round of Federal Stimulus funding, and will be sure to notify you if there are any additional steps you need to take, in order to access these student-focused stimulus funds.

Sincerely,

Kevin Harral

Director of Financial Aid

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