HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF 1 & 11) UNDER SECTION 18004 OF THE CARES ACT AND CRRSAA, Public Law 116-260

CARES/CRRSA ACT Reporting and Disclosure

- 1. Morgan Community College (MCC) acknowledges that on April 20, 2020, the institution's President, Curt Freed, signed the U.S. Department of Education Certification and Agreement Form for Emergency Financial Aid grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. MCC used at least 50% of the initial funds Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I) allocated to MCC under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus instruction due to coronavirus. MCC acknowledges that an equal additional amount of funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) is being distributed to students. MCC acknowledges that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) includes additional COVID-19 relief for institutions of higher education. This new COVID stimulus bill included \$40 billion, available through September 30, 2023, for higher education institutions and students, using the same Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) model established in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. MCC acknowledges that 50% of the ARP (HEERF III) funds will be spent on student grants.
- 2. The total cumulative amount of HEERF funding for Emergency Financial Aid grants to students that MCC is entitled to receive based upon notification the latest Grant Award Notification received on January 17, 2021, under Section PL 1126-136 Title VIII Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CFDA 84.425E) is \$411,258.
- **3.** The total amount of HEERF II funded Emergency Student Aid grants distributed directly to students as of March 31st, 2021 is \$123,800. The total amount of HEERF I funded grants distributed directly to MCC students March 31, 2021, is \$205,629. An additional \$81,235 (HEERF II funds) remains to be distributed as student aid.
- **4.** The estimated total number of MCC students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and therefore eligible to receive a grant funded by HEERF II is 1,231.
- 5. The total number of HEERF II Emergency Student Aid awards made directly to MCC students in the first quarter of 2021 (1/1/21-3/31/21) using HEERF II funds is 271. The unduplicated number of MCC students who have received a HEERF II student aid grant is 271. The average award was \$456.82.
 - The unduplicated number of MCC students who received an HEERF I Emergency Student Aid grant in 2020 was 404. The average award was \$508.98.
- **6.** To be eligible for a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) grant during the spring term, a student must:
 - Have been registered at MCC for the Spring 2021term
 - Must meet Title IV citizenship criteria
 - Demonstrate documented need

Institutions may award student grants for:

o any component of their cost of attendance

- o emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as:
- o tuition
- o food
- housing
- o health care (including mental)
- o child care

For Spring 2021, MCC has used a prorated chart based upon documented need to be considered for a HEERF II grant. MCC gave priority to students with exceptional need as follows:

| Spring 2021 | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| CRRSAA Awarding Chart | Awarded amounts for | Awarded amounts for | Awarded amounts for |
| | Pell Eligible EFC | 150% Pell EFC | 200% Pell EFC |
| <u>Enrollment Level</u> | | | |
| Full-time (12 or more credits) | \$700.00 | \$400.00 | \$200.00 |
| | | | |
| 3/4-time (9 - 11 credits) | \$500.00 | \$250.00 | \$150.00 |
| | | | |
| Half-time (6 - 8 credits) | \$300.00 | \$150.00 | \$100.00 |

HEERF II funds were issued as a Bank Mobile refund unless the student voluntarily chose to apply the funds to the balance of their account.

7. Students were notified via an email to their morganec.edu account of their award. Information on availability, eligibility and the application process was provided to students through the Office of Financial Aid website, by financial aid and academic advisors, and via direct email to students. Student notifications read as follows:

Dear MCC Student,

On December 27, <u>2020</u>, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law. This law authorized a sum of money to provide financial aid grants to assist students with the expenses of college attendance, such as: tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), child care, and other emergency costs that arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

You have been awarded a CRRSAA grant. These grant funds will be disbursed to your Bank Mobile student account on Friday, March 12, 2021. Your refund will be processed according to your selected refund preference (direct deposit to bank account, mailed check, or bank mobile debit card). Please note that these funds are refunded directly to you, the student, even if there is still a balance due on your MCC account. If you still owe a balance to MCC, you may choose to bring these funds back to MCC and pay your bill, but you are not required to do so. Your balance will still need to be paid. If you have a NBS payment plan, that will stay the same.