

HEERF I, II, III (CARES ACT) QUARTERLY FUND REPORT Dated: January 10, 2022

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) provides funding to institutions for emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. Below is Mountainland Technical College's quarterly report, which includes October, November, thru December 31, 2021.

With regard to the CARES Act Section 18004(a) (1), Mountainland Technical College (MTECH) acknowledges and assures that:

1. A signed Certification and Agreement was returned to the Department of Education on May 22, 2020 with the intention of using 50% of the funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The Annual Report filed in compliance with the submission due date of February 1, 2021, included March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020, confirmed that 108 Students had received awarded funds in the total disbursement of \$148,343 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants had been provided to students.
3. On May 17, 2021 the college received a 3rd disbursement from HEERF III-ARP funding in the amount of \$1,392,781.00, which is in addition to the funds received from HEERF I, and HEERF II. The total amount of funds that MTECH has received for the benefit of students is \$2,002,263.00.
4. \$682,340 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been provided to students as of December 31, 2021. However, \$95,627 was disbursed between October through December 31, 2021.
5. HEERF I funds in the amount of \$304,741 were expended by 6/24/2021.
6. The estimated number of students 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 650.
7. As of December 31, 2021, 243 students have received funding.
8. HEERF II funds in the amount of \$304,741 were expended by 11/3/2021.
9. Allowable Uses The ARP HEERF III funds require that 50% of an institution's funds be spent on student grants, with the exception of for-profit institutions, which must spend 100% of their funds on student grants. In addition, the allowable uses of funds are nearly identical to the CRRSA HEERF II funding as illustrated below.

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Student Portion

Institutions may award student grants for:

- Any component of their cost of attendance
- Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as: tuition; food; housing; health care (including mental); child care
- Institutions are now required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants. The HEERF III funds can be awarded to online students as well. Eligible student groups include citizens, permanent residents, international students, refugees, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students.

Institutional Portion

Institutions may use the grants toward:

Defray expenses associated with coronavirus including:

- Lost revenue

- Reimbursement for expenses already incurred
- Technology costs associated with a transition to distance education
- Faculty and staff trainings
- Payroll
- Make additional financial aid grants to students

Institutions must use a portion of their allocation for:

- Implementing evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines; and
- Conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances

The American Rescue Plan included two new spending requirements for HEERF III institutional share dollars.

- Institutions are now required to spend a portion of their institutional share to implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines, and to conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment by requesting professional judgment (PJ). These requirements do not apply to institutions that choose to use all of their institutional share allocation to make student emergency grants.

10. Strategic members of MTECH's staff developed the methods used to determine which students will receive the emergency funding, as well as how much they receive.
11. Completion of an Application/Certification for federal CARES Act Funds, which specifies that the student incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, technology, health care, utilities, and childcare).
12. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress as required by the CARES Act. Eligibility HEERF III/ARP; Student Aid funds may be used by students for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.
13. MTECH Financial Aid Office will verify eligibility in accordance with the CARES Act.
14. The minimum scholarship is \$500; Maximum is \$6195
15. An average pricing review of Utah County was scaled to determine allocations to each of the expense areas students self-certified as being affected due to the COVID pandemic. The results are as follows:
 - a. Technology = \$500 minimum applies (Internet= \$60 x 2.5 mos.= \$150)
 - b. Upgrade Software & Antivirus Software = \$500 minimum applies (Average UT County costs \$324)
 - c. Utilities= \$200 per month x 2.5 mos.= \$500
 - d. Child Care= \$600 per month x 2.5 mos. = \$1,500
 - e. Food = \$285.07 per month x 2.5 mos. = \$713
 - f. Medical Expense= \$180 per month x 2.5 mos.= \$450 (\$500 minimum now applies)
 - g. Housing (Block Award), 1-time allocation of \$1288 has been incorporated; see the explanation on the April 9, 2021 quarterly report.
16. Amount: Awards to each student will be determined by the preceding amounts.
17. MTECH has posted instructions and guidance for students regarding CARES Act funding on its website and on various social media outlets routinely utilized. Eligible students have been emailed instructions to locate and complete the application/certification to request funding. Students are also given the option to submit their banking information online so they may receive their funds electronically.
18. Additional information regarding the differences on the HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III programs has also been posted to our website for your review. **Please visit our college website at <https://mtec.edu/>**