

HEERF I, II, III (CARES ACT) QUARTERLY FUND REPORT

Dated: April 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 January, February, thru March 31, 2022.

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. \$904,448 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been provided to students as of March 31, 2022. However, \$222,108 was disbursed between January through March 31, 2022.
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 March 31, 2022, 315 students have received funding.
8. HEERF II funds in the amount of \$304,741 were expended by 11/3/2021.
9. The college conducts direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment by requesting professional judgment (PJ) through our online processing system during the packaging process.

StudentForms supports two types of appeals for Professional Judgment (PJ), these appeals may be added through manual request, through bulk action, or through student request. These appeals allow the student to complete a web form that includes a statement indicating the reason for the request and if required allows the student to upload supporting documentation. Once the student completes the appeal, a school user reviews and makes a determination on the outcome of the appeal.

The appeals available in StudentForms include:

Professional Judgment: Family Contribution Appeal (PJ EFC) - Appeal to review and adjust as needed data elements used in the EFC calculation.

Professional Judgment: Dependency Override (PJ DO) - Appeal to review if a change warranted in dependency status from Dependent to Independent

These appeals require the student to have an ISIR on file for the award year to request and ISIR corrections may be made from these transaction types. Once an outcome is determined, any changes indicated during review appear in ISIR corrections and the appropriate flag is set on the subsequent ISIR. If you feel you have the need for a re-evaluation of your Pell Grant (EFC) eligibility, please submit an appeal through our StudentForms online system. **Contact the MTECH Financial Aid Office with any questions you may have, or to receive assistance in the Professional Judgement process.**

10. ALL students who have begun the college's admissions process are provided the right to apply for the HEERF III-ARP funding regardless of Pell eligibility status. Zero EFC applicants are incorporated together with Non-Zero EFC applicants as the college has adequate funding to award ALL students who enroll, and complete the steps described at the time of registration.
11. 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.
12. 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).

13. 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.
14. MTECH Financial Aid Office will verify eligibility in accordance with the CARES Act.
15. The minimum scholarship is \$500; Maximum is \$6195
16. 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 \times 2.5 \text{ mos.} = \150)
 - b. Upgrade Software & Antivirus Software = \$500 minimum applies (Average UT County costs \$324)
 - c. Utilities= $\$200 \text{ per month} \times 2.5 \text{ mos.} = \500
 - d. Child Care= $\$600 \text{ per month} \times 2.5 \text{ mos.} = \$1,500$
 - e. Food = $\$285.07 \text{ per month} \times 2.5 \text{ mos.} = \713
 - f. Medical Expense= $\$180 \text{ per month} \times 2.5 \text{ 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.
17. Amount: Awards to each student will be determined by the preceding amounts.
18. 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.
19. 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/>**