Kishwaukee College American Rescue Plan Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) Student Disbursement Report

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The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

- The action to increase the CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) grant award for Kishwaukee College was approved by Michelle Cooper on May 12, 2021. It is on this date that Kishwaukee College gained access to the additional American Rescue Plan Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) funding via the G5 Grant Award Notification. The college will continue to acknowledge that the institution intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.
- The total amount of funds that the institution will receive, or has received under the American Rescue Plan Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) student portion was \$2,961,416.
- Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students for the fall 2021 semester as of the date of reporting (i.e. the first 30-day deadline, and then every 45 days thereafter) as follows:
 - \$1,844,080 was awarded by need and the need was determined by EFC. Students with 0 EFC were awarded by credit hour and billing type. The award amount per credit hour was \$150.00, \$225.00 and \$300.00 based on billing type of the course. Students with a greater than 0 EFC or did not complete a FAFSA were awarded \$75.00, \$112.50 or \$150.00 per credit hour based on billing type of the course.
 - Kishwaukee College distributed to 1,816 students.
- How the institution determined which students did, or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did, or will receive.
 - o For the fall 2021 disbursement, Kishwaukee College distributed funding to all credit students based on number of credit hours enrolled and billing type for the course as of September 13, 2021. Based on guidance provided by the Department of Education, students must meet the following eligibility parameters to qualify for American Rescue Plan funds: Be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as

amended. (e.g., be eligible to receive federal financial aid funds such as the Pell Grant, TEACH Grant, Direct Loans, etc.).

- For the fall 2021 Short-Term Training disbursement, qualified students were enrolled as
 of September 13, 2021. A total of \$8,200 (\$200.00 to 41 students) were distributed to
 those students affected by COVID-19 and meeting the requirements of the CRRSAA who
 were in Short Term Training Programs that provided certificates for Dental Assistant,
 Pharmacy Tech, Sterile Processing Tech, Veterinary Assistant and Truck Driver Training.
- Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants.
 - Kishwaukee College shared with the students that the funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) provides economic relief to students who incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Additional Information:

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, colleges were instructed to notify students of the possibility to appeal their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results if you or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return used for the FAFSA, (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop-in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted.

The Kishwaukee College results of the EFC appeal campaign are as follows:

- Social Media and Portal Announcements: Notifications were posted on 7/20/2021.
- Letter: Mailed 1,631 letters on 7/29/2021.
- Emails: Emailed 1,631 students on 8/2/2021.
- Texts: Texted 1,232 students on 8/17/2021.
- Total cost: \$226.57.