



## **HEERF Emergency Aid to Students Quarterly Reporting January 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2021**

On December 21, 2020, the 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law. Under the CRRSAA, Lansing Community College (LCC) was awarded Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) II funds totaling \$11,559,366 of which a minimum of \$2,902,158 must be used for Emergency Student Grants. LCC has signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and agrees to use at least the \$2,902,158 to award HEERF grants to students.

As of March 31, 2021, there were a total of 8534 number of students eligible to receive Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) for Spring Semester 2021. LCC awarded \$2,616,500 in HEERF grants to 3073 students. LCC understands the importance of delivering funds to students as quickly as possible in a fair, equitable, and compliant manner. In order to meet these goals, LCC will utilize two methods for distributing the funds for Spring Semester 2021: Block Grant and Application. Below are the criteria for receiving funds for each delivery method.

- **Block Grant:**
  - Awarded to students with exceptional need. Exceptional need is defined as an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) less than \$10,000 as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - Student must be a U.S. Citizenship or Eligible Non-Citizen.
  - Student must be currently enrolled for the semester the funds are being distributed.
  - The award amount will be based on the student's enrollment level.
    - Three-quarter-time or greater will receive \$1000.
    - Half-time or less will receive \$750.
  - Funds will be sent directly to the student.
  
- **Application:**
  - Only students, who did not receive the Block Grant can complete the application.
  - Student does not need to complete the FAFSA. Student is encouraged to complete the FAFSA in order to receive additional assistance and apply for a Special Circumstance, if applicable.
  - Student must be a U.S. Citizenship or Eligible Non-Citizen, which is confirmed at the time of application and verified by the Financial Aid Office
  - Student must be currently enrolled for the semester the funds are being distributed.
  - Student must not be dual enrolled or in the High School Degree Completion Initiative Program, which is confirmed at the time of application and verified by the Financial Aid Office.
  - The award amount will be based on the student's enrollment level.
    - Three-quarter-time or greater will receive \$1000.
    - Half-time or less will receive \$750.
  - Funds will be sent directly to the student.

Students will be notified via their LCC Email if they are approved or denied. If approved, the funds will be sent directly to the student according to the student's refund preference. If a refund preference has not been selected, a check will be sent to the student's mailing address listed in Banner Self Service. Students must ensure their refund preference and/or address are up-to-date. These funds will be not be used to pay any portion of a student's outstanding account balance. After the funds have been sent to the student, the student may retain these funds even if new information or change in circumstances caused the student to not meet the criteria specified above.