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Methodology Regarding HEERF II Spring 2021 Disbursement

Richmond Community College received dedicated student funding from the HEERF II allocation in the amount of \$996,984.00. The guidelines stipulated that the funds were to be used for students with the most exceptional need. After discussions with RichmondCC counselors, financial aid staff, and Leadership team, the College identified the most exceptional need students at that point in time were the students that would have their schedules purged because they were not able to pay their tuition. A form was established that was to be filled out by the student allowing them to signify that they had been impacted negatively by COVID and that they had current exceptional need to remain a student. The students were also able to decide whether they wanted these funds to directly cover their balance and books, in which case the funds would be paid directly to the College. This disbursement prevented approximately 175 students from being purged and missing their spring semester. Funds disbursed for this purpose totaled \$154,505.

The Leadership team of RichmondCC decided in April 2021 that another disbursement of HEERF II student funds needed to be made and worked together to decide on the criteria and timing for the award. Once again, exceptional need was taken into account and a list was generated that contained all currently enrolled non-high school curriculum students, which totaled 1350 students. The list also contained the student's total completed and current hours (as of 4/8/2021) for Spring 2021, as well as their Expected Family Contribution (EFC), as calculated from their FAFSA. Based on this list and further discussions, it was decided that students with an EFC from 0 to 5711 would qualify for the funding on a sliding scale based on their EFC and their hourly load, as this mirrors the eligibility for Pell funds (972 students eligible). Students that had an EFC of 0 would be eligible for up to \$1,000, depending on their load. Students that have an EFC between 1 and 5711 would be eligible for up to \$400 depending on their load (see charts below). Total disbursement for this methodology was \$569,800.00.

EFC 0 (722 students, total disbursement \$496,250)

12 hours or greater	\$1,000
9-11 hours	\$750
6-8 hours	\$500
3-5 hours	\$250
1-2 hours	\$125

EFC 1-5711 (250 students, total disbursement \$73,550)

12 hours or greater	\$400
9-11 hours	\$300
6-8 hours	\$200
3-5 hours	\$100
1-2 hours	\$50



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Financial Aid Office

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Application for 2021 HEERF II Emergency Student Aid

Payment amounts to currently enrolled students will be based on student hardship from the COVID pandemic and availability of funds. Funds will be distributed directly to students and/or applied to outstanding balances owed to the college, if authorized.

Check **all** applicable boxes that apply to your current situation certifying that you have exceptional financial need.

- Laid off or unemployed due to COVID
- Childcare issues due to COVID
- Transportation issues due to COVID
- Healthcare issues due to COVID (self or family including mental health)
- Loss of wages due to COVID
- Housing issues due to COVID
- Technology costs due to COVID
- Unexpected expenses due to COVID

By signing below, I am requesting HEERF II emergency student aid and authorize RichmondCC to apply available funds towards any outstanding balance owed to the college. I understand the receipt of these funds is not dependent on continued or future enrollment at RichmondCC. Without receipt of this emergency student aid, I am at risk of not being able to attend Richmond Community College.

Name _____

Student ID _____

Signature _____

Date _____

RichmondCC Use Only

Received by: _____

Amount: _____



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Dear Student:

Over the past year, the COVID virus has impacted our lives in every possible way. Richmond Community College understands that it has affected each of our students, and we are here to support you through every resource available.

One of those resources is special limited-time financial support. Congress has provided institutions with funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to assist students with exceptional financial need. Based on information from your Federal financial aid application and the number of hours you are currently enrolled in, you have been selected to receive this one-time funding to assist you in completing your education.

Enclosed you will find a check and it is our hope that this funding will ease some of the financial burdens you experienced and allow you to continue your education at Richmond Community College.

Sincerely,

William D. McInnis, Ed.D.
President