

## Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

### Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting: Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students

#### Update – April 10, 2021 (quarterly update)

- (1) Tri-C submitted its certification and agreement form to the U.S. Department of Education on April 10, 2020, and received authorization to award funds under the CARES Act on April 22, 2020. Under this agreement, the College has committed to using no less than 50% of the total funds received to provide
- (2) The total amount of funds received from the Department for HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CARES and CRRSAA is \$10,027,370.0; \$5,013,685 under CARES, and \$5,013,685 under CRRSAA.
- (3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants awarded to students under CARES and CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs, as of the date of this report, is \$7,585,835.00.
- (4) The estimated total number of students eligible to participate in CARES and CRRSAA programs and receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section CARES and CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) in the current spring semester is 13,841; 3189 were awarded after completing the required institutional HEERF application form.
- (5) The total number of students awarded a HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grant to date is 6263.
- (6) Students may access the institutional HEERF application directly from the College's website. Eligibility information is disseminated via email, social media, and on the College's website. Students certify their eligibility through the required institutional HEERF application. Students may be eligible for funds up to \$1,500. HEERF applications are reviewed by Student Financial Aid and Scholarships staff. The application review process confirms student eligibility, under CARES and CRRSAA (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to receive student emergency grants.

Student emergency financial aid awards are prioritized for Tri-C students with exceptional financial need or emergency financial expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples of exceptional financial need or emergency expenses due to COVID-19 pandemic are identified based on guidance provided by the U.S Department of education. They include, but are not limited to:

- Tuition assistance
- Food assistance
- Housing assistance
- Child care emergencies
- Health emergencies
- Technology and equipment needs
- Loss of employment
- Reduced income

The Student Financial Aid and Scholarships team review completed applications daily. Students indicate on their HEERF application if they want to receive funds directly by direct deposit or check by USPS mail, or have the funds applied to their student billing account to help pay tuition and other college charges. Funds to students are processed within 3-5 business days. Students receive an email notification about their HEERF application status.

- (7) Instructions, directions and guidance provided by the institution to students includes: emails to students directing them to the online application; HEERF FAQ's, eligibility and application information posted to the College's HEERF website; social media and email communications make students aware of the Emergency Financial Aid grant program. Email notices are sent to student's Tri-C email accounts.