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Report on Webb Institute's Use of CRRSAA Student Grant Awards (HEERF II)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was authorized by the federal government's Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. The legislation, signed into law on December 27, 2020, provides funding to institutions of higher learning to use for emergency financial aid grants to students.

These one-time emergency grants to students may be used for "any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare." Congress directed that this funding be distributed to students with exceptional financial need.

The following documents the process for obtaining funds and Webb's allocation of the funds.

1. Webb Institute signed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education on July 30, 2020 the Recipients Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. Webb received Grant Award Notification from the USDOE dated February 4, 2021.
2. Under HEERF II, Webb Institute is eligible to receive \$20,560 in emergency grant aid for students.
3. As of April 22, 2021, Webb distributed \$6,000 to a total of 6 students. In early August 2021, Webb distributed an additional \$13,560 to a total of 14 students, for a total distribution of \$19,560. In early September, Webb distributed the remaining \$1,000 of HEERF II funding to one student. As of September 7, 2021, all HEERF II student aid funding was distributed.
4. A total of 101 students enrolled at Webb Institute during the spring 2021 semester were undergraduate students eligible to participate in HEERF II Student Grant Program. A total of 105 students enrolled at Webb Institute for the fall 2021 semester are undergraduate students eligible to participate in HEERF II Student Grant Program.
5. For the initial distribution of funds on April 22, 2021, Webb Institute provided the grants to all full-time undergraduate students who were enrolled at Webb over the course of the spring semester (March 1 – June 16, 2021), filed a FAFSA, and received a PELL grant. In the subsequent distributions in early August 2021 and early September 2021, grants were provided to full-time undergraduate students who are enrolled at Webb for the fall semester (August 17- December 22, 2021), filed a FAFSA, and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) less than \$10,000.
6. A letter is sent to each student receiving the emergency aid explaining (a) that the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) is the source of the funding, (b) the process used to determine the distribution of the funds, (c) and that the funds are to be used to cover expenses related to disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 (including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).