



## **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN HEERF III REPORTING 2021**

### **STUDENT GRANTS**

The federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This plan provides another round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III). Institutions must use at least 50% of the funds as financial aid grant to students to cover the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs due to the pandemic.

Allen Community College has received HEERF III funds with a required allocation of \$1,071,672.00 for student grants.

### **ARP Compliance for Student Grants**

- Allen Community College has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form for HEERF I funds. This signed agreement remains in effect for all additional HEERF fund allocations. Acceptance of the HEERF III allocation indicates that Allen Community College agrees to abide by all requirements of the funds and has used no less than 50% of the funds for grants to students.
- The total amount Allen Community College has received in HEERF III funding is \$1,071,672.00 from the Department of Education for grants to students.
- The total amount of Student Grants distributed by Allen Community College to students under HEERF III as of December 31, 2021 is \$529,400.00.
- The estimated total number of students at Allen Community College eligible for HEERF III student grants is 53 for the Summer 2021 term and 1390 for the Fall 2021 term.
- The estimated total number of Allen Community College students who received a HEERF III student grant is 53 for the Summer 2021 term and 1390 for the Fall 2021 term.
- The method used by Allen Community College to determine which students receive a student grant and how much they would receive is as follows for HEERF III funds:
  - Summer 2021 Disbursement
    - Student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the Summer 2021 term as of July 29, 2021.
    - Student must be eligible to participate in Title IV funding.
  - Fall 2021 Disbursement

- Student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the Fall 2021 term and be a degree seeking student as of November 12, 2021.
- Students received amounts based on Pell Grant eligibility and completion of FAFSA.
- Information about the ARP student grants is available on the Allen Community College website. Allen Community College students were not required to apply for HEERF III grants and all eligible students in the Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 terms received funds, therefore no specific instructions or directions were needed by students to be eligible for or receive the grants. A letter accompanied each check explaining the grant and that these funds are only to be used to cover the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs due to the pandemic.

## INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

The federal APR provided money to colleges and universities during the coronavirus pandemic. Allen County Community College received \$873,013.00 in HEERF III funds. The College used HEERF III funds in these areas:

- Student Food Insecurities – Provided food for on-campus food pantry to help students with food insecurities.
- Campus Safety and Operations – Disinfecting supplies, PPE, and mechanical upgrade on HVAC controls for better air control.
- Instructional Equipment and Supplies – Purchased e-books for distance learning.
- Faculty/Staff Training in Online Instruction – Online learning staff course reconfiguration and training to instructional staff.
- Additional Equipment or Software for Distance Learning or Upgrades to Wi-Fi or Networks – Major upgrade to improve network and increase bandwidth and wireless access.
- Coronavirus Suppression Efforts – Tracking symptoms, testing students, and COVID-19 leave pay.
- Direct Outreach to Financial Aid Applicants – All students were notified of the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the pandemic.
- Replacing Lost Revenue – Revenue loss due to decrease in enrollment and state funding.