

4/07/2021 – OHCC Student CARES Act News Update

On January 19, 2021 OHCC was notified of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) which granted additional funds in the amount of \$55,660.00. The cumulative total in funds to be used for students was \$111,320.00.

The COVID-19 Emergency Relief Committee met January 21, 2021 to discuss how best to disburse these additional funds to students with financial need.

The committee chose two ways to assist students with their financial need. All students were notified of the committee's decision by email and notices posted on campus bulletin boards.

- 1) To disburse a one-time check in the amount of \$300 to all spring 2021 enrolled students (traditional and online students). The check was put in all traditional students' campus mailboxes and mailed to all online students. The notice to students about the COV-Aid funds (as they were named) explained that the funds could be used to help with expenses incurred as a student, or could be applied to their student account.
- 2) To disburse a HEERF II grant to students (traditional and online) with financial need in the amount of \$25.00/spring 2021 credit. The equation used for financial need was Educational Cost – Gift Aid = Financial Need. If the student received a refund from gift aid (scholarships, grants, or Pell) they would not be eligible for these funds. These funds were applied directly to their student account.

The one-time COV-Aid Grant in the amount of \$300 was disbursed to 82 students totaling \$24,600.00 on February 4, 2021.

The HEERF II Grant was awarded to 65 degree seeking students in the amount of \$23,975.00 on February 11, 2021. One student did choose to return the grant.

At the time of disbursement the Cares Act- Student Portion remaining balance was \$12,441.00. This remaining amount balance of HEERF funds (Round 1 funding) were added to the CRRSSA Grant (Round 2 funding) and was used for a portion of the COV-Aid Grant. The remaining balance of the CRRSSA or HEERF II Grant as of April 7, 2021 is \$19,526.01.

All HEERF Grant funds from round 1 funding have been used.