

07/10/2021- OHCC Student CARES Act News Update

On May 6, 2021 MN Institutes of Higher Education were notified at the MAFAA Conference that the American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) that was passed in March 2021 would be notifying colleges/universities of additional funds. The Grant Award Notification was received by OHCC on June 6, 2021 which granted additional funds in the amount of \$171,500.00. The cumulative total in funds to be used for students was \$282,820.00.

The COVID-19 Emergency Relief Committee met May 2021 to discuss student accounts with a remaining balance and if any of the HEERF II funds could be used to assist these students with their remaining cost of attendance.

The Student Balance Grant was applied to 21 student accounts who on May 21, 2021 had remaining balances to be paid. (Remaining balance x 30%= Student Balance Grant) Money was requested from G5 on the same date. Deposit was received May 24, 2021. Grants were removed from accounts on June 6, 2021 due to the required written or electronic signature being needed in order to apply an emergency grant to a student's account. (A change that was made in March 2021.)

The Student Balance Grant was awarded again to the student accounts for which we had E-Permission to add a grant to their account as of June 7, 2021. Those students who had not yet responded on June 7 were notified again using a parent's/guardian's email, or another email given. (FERPA was checked.) The amount requested May 21st was \$13,202.01. The amount applied to student accounts for which we had been granted permission was \$12,581.01. The remaining \$621.00 was returned to G5 on June 15, 2021.

Of the remaining \$178,445 to be used by May 20, 2022, \$6945 are Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (or HEERF II) funds and \$171,500.00 are American Rescue Plan (or HEERF III) funds.