

# Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF I/CARES) - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Reporting for Quarter Ending **September 30, 2020**

## **HEERF I (CARES-Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) Student Portion Reporting Requirement**

- 1. An acknowledgement that the institution has used or intends to use the CARES funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.**

As a condition to receiving the Emergency Student Financial Aid portion of funds, Flathead Valley Community College has signed and returned to the United States Department of Education a Certification and Agreement that the College will use the applicable amount of funds designated under CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution received from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

Flathead Valley Community College has received \$462,572 for the student portion of CARES.

- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CARES 18004 (a)(1) programs.**

As of September 30, 2020: \$220,021 of CARES funding has been disbursed to students.

- 4. The estimated total number of students at FVCC eligible to participate in programs under CARES 18004 (a)(1) programs.**

Approximately 1926 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

- 5. The total number of students who have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under CARES Section 18004 (a)(1) programs.**

A total of 186 students have received CARES funding as of September 30, 2020.

- 6. The methods used by FVCC to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under 18004(a)(1) of CARES.**

HEERF I (CARES) provides emergency funds to assist students in need due to the coronavirus pandemic. Per guidance from the federal government, the emergency grants will be distributed to students with exceptional financial need, based on their FAFSA and Estimated Family Contribution. Funds are intended to help students with tuition and fees, housing and food, course materials, technology related costs, health care, transportation and childcare expenses. HEERF Funds are not considered to be financial aid and do not affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility.

- 7. Any instructions or guidance for students regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

All information available to students regarding Emergency Financial Aid Grants is posted at <https://www.fvcc.edu/cares>