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Emergency Grant Funding Overview:

May 18, 2020 - First round of CARES Act Grants were disbursed to students totaling \$10,336. The Institution received \$20,672 with 50% of the funds to be disbursed to students through grants.

March 12, 2021 - Second round of HEERF II Funds were received with guidance to disburse at least as much of the funds as was disbursed previously. Vantage Career Center disbursed an additional \$10,336 to students. Once again, an application was sent to each student letting them know about the funding. 100% of students completed the application.

May 2021 - The administration decided to make some of its Institutional Funds available to students in the form of Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Enrolled students were sent an email announcing the availability of these HEERF II student grants. The application was emailed to the students. 100% of the students responded. All applicants met the guidelines from the U.S. DOE for exceptional need. Information from the applications was put into a spreadsheet and evaluated by the Adult Education Director and Financial Aid Coordinator. A decision was made to pay students for 2 months of their monthly expenses and one time expenses or overdue bill requests. On June 7, 2021, a request for funds was sent to the Treasurer. Letters were mailed to each applicant.

May/June 2021 - Vantage Career Center received additional allocations from the Coronavirus Response and Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSSA.)

Again, these funds were available for emergency grants to students and to cover institutional costs related to the costs of delivering educational programs during the pandemic.

All currently active students in Title IV programs were contacted concerning the availability of the funds, what types of costs were allowable under the regulations of the grant and the eligibility of students for these funds.

Students provided information about their needs and provided signed confirmation that these funds would be used for allowable expenses.

We disbursed \$30,665 to 13 students, all of whom met the definition of those with exceptional needs, in emergency grants to support the cost of their attendance. These checks were provided to students June 24, 2021

Students were required to answer a question on the application to determine exceptional need. The institution used the following guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education. Students were determined to have exceptional needs if they were eligible for a federal grant, experienced a loss of employment or reduced income, or were having difficulty paying for food or housing.

Additionally, \$23,843.72 of the institutional funds were used to discharge outstanding students' debts. This action will allow withdrawn students to return to school at a later date with no financial impediment to their enrollment. This action affected 14 withdrawn students who had left their programs for a variety of reasons post March 13, 2020