

SOUTHWESTERN

AN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

May 28, 2021

Southwestern Oregon Community College applied for and received the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF II) under the CRRSA Act in the amount of \$540,845, from the Department of Education. These funds were used to provide emergency assistance to students in spring term 2020-2021. Southwestern's goal was to serve as many students as possible within the guidelines.

1. On April 16, 2020, Southwestern Oregon Community College completed and submitted the Certification and Agreement online to request the emergency grant funding through the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.
2. On January 17, 2021, Southwestern received notification of the grant award for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). The approved grant amount for HEERF II funds is \$540,845.
3. CRRSA funds are not bound by Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Southwestern determined that all students are eligible to receive HEERF II grant funds, excluding international and DACA students.
4. Funds were disbursed to student accounts on April 27, 2021 and processed by the Business Office on April 28, 2021. A separate subsidiary was created, as to guarantee no HEERF funds inadvertently were used to cover any college accounts receivables. Funds were distributed directly to the students via EFT and check.
5. Southwestern will be disbursing funds directly to students via direct deposit or check that meet the following requirements:
 - a. Enrolled in spring term 2020-2021.
 - b. Citizen or resident alien.
6. The number of students who met the criteria in #5 and received funding were 1520.
7. Southwestern awarded \$539,250 of the \$540,845.
 - a. As of April 28, 2021 - \$539,250 of HREEF funds spent
 - b. No funds were used to pay student balances.

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Southwestern Oregon Community College is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

8. Southwestern determined that all students have been impacted by the transition to online courses. Students received funding based upon their enrollment status as of April 14, 2021. The following were determinations in supporting funding for all students:

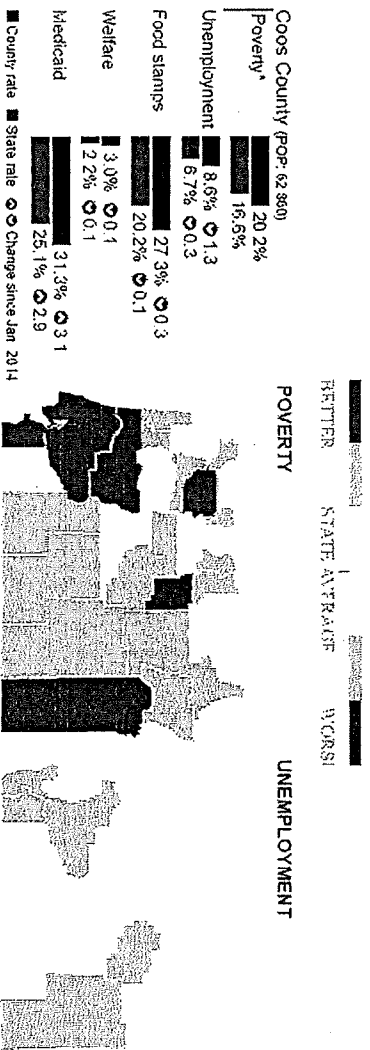
- a. All students were not included in original CARES funding, which caused many students to be excluded.
- b. Coos and Curry Counties are rural communities with subpar internet access and availability. The costs associated with obtaining or increasing internet access locally, are between \$240 - \$300 for three months.
- c. Coos County is among the poorest counties in Oregon:

| Country | Per capita income | Median household income | Median family income | Population | Number of households |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Wheeler | \$20,598 | \$33,403 | \$43,167 | 1,441 | 651 |
| Grant | \$22,041 | \$35,974 | \$43,521 | 7,445 | 3,352 |
| Curry | \$23,842 | \$37,469 | \$53,340 | 22,364 | 10,417 |
| Coos | \$21,981 | \$37,491 | \$46,569 | 63,043 | 27,133 |

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Oregon_locations_by_per_capita_income

A picture of poverty in Oregon

Aug. 14, 2014 | Despite the slowly recovering economy, Oregon continues to struggle. More than one in five Oregonians rely on food stamps and 16.6 percent of Oregonians live in poverty. These interactive maps use several measures of economic well-being from June/July 2014 to show that rural counties, in particular, continue to lag behind the rest of the state.



- d. Funding determined:
 - i. Full-time = \$625
 - ii. Three-quarter-time = \$528
 - iii. Half-time = \$425

<https://projects.oregonlive.com/maps/poverty/>

iv. Less-than-half-time = \$275

9. Notification sent to students on April 30, 2021
Dear @name_master_first_name@:

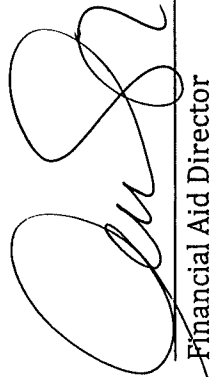
Southwestern has disbursed emergency funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), as well as funding under Oregon's Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER).

Because all students have been impacted by the pandemic, Southwestern has disbursed emergency funding to students enrolled in credit-based courses spring term 2020-2021. Funding types and amounts were determined by number of credits enrolled spring term 2020-2021 and prior receipt of emergency funding.

Your funding may come via direct deposit or check. If you receive a check, please cash/deposit the check immediately.


Please note, due to the nature of this funding, you may be receiving the funding even though you still have a balance at the college. If you still have a balance, please reach out to the Business Office as soon as possible to make arrangements for payment. Student's must be paid in full in order to enroll in the 2021-2022 academic year.

Southwestern appreciates your continued enrollment and looks forward to helping you achieve your education goals.



Financial Aid Director

5/28/2021
Date



Business Office

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