# Davidson-Davie Community College Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students June 30, 2021

- Davidson-Davie Community College (College) acknowledges the College signed and returned to the Department of Education (Department) the College's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA. This includes assurance that the College has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of CCRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- The College was funded \$1,318,191 from the Department pursuant to the College's Certification of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- As of the date of this report, the College distributed 1633 to students.
- As of the date of this report, the total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Acts is \$993,282.15.
- The methods used by the College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including how much a student would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA have been determined. See Exhibit 1.
- Students who are eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant received an email notification. See Exhibit 2.

# Davidson-Davie Community College Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Eligibility Determination Guidelines

- I. Eligible students experienced disruption due to COVID-19 use CRRSAA funds for expenses related to:
  - Housing
  - o Food
  - o Technology
  - Course Materials
  - Healthcare
  - Childcare
  - Other Cost of Attendance Expenses

# **Emergency Spring 2021 Students**

- I. Eligible spring 2021 curriculum students
  - o Enrolled at Davidson-Davie as of April 14, 2021 (Spring 2021)
  - Students with a 0 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated on the 2020-2021 FAFSA
- II. Identified 711 eligible students
  - Consistent with federal Title IV regulations, funds awarded and prorated based on enrollment status and credit load on March 15, 2021. \$1,000 maximum award for full-time status. The total amount awarded was \$521,250.00.
    - 1. Full-time (12 credits or more) \$1,000
    - 2. Three-quarter time (9-11 credits) \$750
    - 3. Half-time (6-8 credits) \$500
    - 4. Less than half-time (1-5 credits) \$250
- III. Disbursement of funds (April 15, 2021)
  - Heartland will credit the individual student's bank account.
  - If there is no bank account number on file, Heartland will mail a paper check to the address on file with the college.

# Spring/Summer 2021 Tuition and Book Assistance

- I. Eligible spring and/or summer 2021 curriculum students
  - Enrolled at Davidson-Davie (Spring and/or Summer 2021)
  - Students enrolled at the College during the 2020-2021 academic year but withdrew or failed a course
  - o Dually enrolled students who graduated high school in May
- II. Identified eligible 838 students
  - Students awarded tuition assistance funds to cover spring balance, 6 credits hours of summer tuition, and or \$500 for book assistance on May 17, 2021. The total amount awarded was \$422,070.83.

- III. Disbursement of funds (May 20, 2021)
  - Heartland will credit the individual student's bank account.
  - If there is no bank account number on file, Heartland will mail a paper check to the address on file with the college.

# **Emergency Grants**

- I. Eligible students to Receive Single-Stop Emergency Grants
  - Students who completed the Single-Stop Emergency grant application process to establish need.
- II. Identified 59 eligible students
  - Students were awarded emergency grants ranging from \$87.37 \$748.25. The total amount awarded was \$37,933.73.
- III. Disbursement of funds
  - Students completed application; application submitted to our Single Stop office for review; students were contacted and based on their request were awarded a gift card or creditor was paid directly

#### **Students with Balance**

- I. Students with a Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 past due balance
  - Students were identified and asked to opt-in to receive the grant to assist with paying their College balance.
- II. Identified 25 students
  - A total of \$12,027.59 was used to cover past due balances from summer 2020, fall 2020, and spring 2021.
- III. Disbursement of funds (May 20, 2021)
  - With student's permission, past due balance was covered.

#### Exhibit 2

# Message to spring students receiving funding from Davidson-Davie Director, Financial Aid, Brian De Young:

Dear Student,

You have been awarded a grant from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. These funds were created by the United States Congress as part of the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021*, in response to the continuing crisis college students are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant is intended to assist you with expenses such as tuition, food, housing, physical and mental health, books, transportation, personal expenses, childcare, and any emergency costs that may have arisen due to the pandemic and the amount is based on the number of credits you are enrolled in this spring.

This grant does not have to be repaid and will not affect any federal or state financial aid you may already have received.

The grant will be directly deposited in the checking or savings account you have designated with the Davidson-Davie Business Office to receive Financial Aid refunds. If you have not designated an account, a paper check will be mailed to your home address. You can confirm your address in StormTrac.

If you have any questions concerning this grant, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@davidsonccc.edu or (336) 249-8186, ext. 6393. Questions concerning the direct deposit or paper check should be directed to the Business Office at businessoffice@davidsonccc.edu or (336) 249-8186, ext. 6341.

We hope this finds you well and wish you a successful conclusion to the spring semester.

Sincerely,

Brian De Young

Director, Financial Aid

# Message examples sent by College to spring/summer students receiving tuition and book assistance funding:

Good Afternoon,

Congratulations! You are eligible for federal funds to help cover your cost of attending during the Summer 2021 term. This aid is a result of your enrollment in the Career and College Promise program and funds received by the College from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Davidson-Davie will provide 6 credit hours of free tuition, as well as \$500 towards your books, supplies and other expenses related to attending college during this COVID-19 pandemic.

You should be receiving additional information about how to receive your funds, so please be sure to check your college email regularly. Information should specifically reference "Heartland".

If you have questions, please feel free to reply back to this email.

Hi (Student's Name),

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to send you a quick email to share the good news that you have qualified for a summer federal funds that will cover the cost of the class(es) you are currently registered for as well as \$500 that can be used towards books. The federal funds are only being offered during the summer 2021 semester and there is nothing else you need to do to accept the funds.

### Message to students receiving emergency funding from Davidson-Davie Single Stop Office:

Greetings,

The Single Stop office is happy to announce that we have "limited" emergency funding available to all currently enrolled students. This funding covers any basic need a student may have, ranging from utility assistance to childcare assistance to possible car repairs. If you are interested in receiving this funding please complete our Single Stop Basic Need Emergency Funding application.

### Make note of the following:

- You do not have to be late or behind to receive the assistance, you just need to have a basic need.
- Since we have a limited amount of funds, funding is distributed on a first come first serve basis.
- We do not make direct payments to students for bills, repairs, or childcare etc. These types of payments are made directly to the provider.
- There is a maximum amount we are able to assist students with but that will be discussed individually with students who apply.

Thank you

Single Stop

## Message sent by College to students with past balance:

Subject: Important HEERF Financial Assistance

Our records indicate that you have a past due student account balance with Davidson-Davie Community College. If you have experienced a hardship due to COVID-19 you may be able to receive financial

assistance that will pay this balance. To apply for this assistance, please click on the link below to complete the application. Any questions may be directed to me by responding to this email or calling the phone number listed below.

**HEERF II Emergency Student Aid Application** 

Thank you!

Jennifer Starsick Dean, Financial & Administrative Services