Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Quarterly Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (1)(4) Programs

October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Stark State College (SSC) received funding to provide emergency grants to students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) and American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP section (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. Please find the December 31, 2021 Quarterly report below.

- 1. Stark State College acknowledges that we signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement acknowledging the funding allocation under HEERF. SSC is committed to using the applicable amount of funds designated under CRRSA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- 2. The total amount of funds SSC will receive for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs:

CRRSA, HEERF II	\$ 2,518,150.00
ARP, HEERF III	\$ 11,006,630.00
Total	\$ 13,524,780.00

- 3. The total funds distributed for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs for the October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 quarter are \$241,457.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 is 10,601 (Fall 2021 enrollment as of 14th day).
- 5. The number of students that received Emergency Financial Aid from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs for the October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021quarter is 221.
- 6. The method that SSC used during this quarter to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants in awarding CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) program funds to students was an application-based process through the student portal, mystarkstate. All students were eligible to apply for student awards through this application process. New high school graduates were awarded amounts up to their Stark State College tuition and all other students were awarded an amount equal to \$100 per credit hour enrolled for Fall 2021. Students with exceptional need were prioritized on the application and awarded an additional amount (\$1,000 for 12 or more credit hours; \$750 for 9 to 11 credit hours; \$500 for 6 to 8 credit hours; and \$250 for 5 or fewer credit hours). Exceptional need is defined by Pell eligibility as indicated on the FAFSA. In addition, exceptional need is also defined as loss of employment (student or family member) and/or receipt of federal need-based aid programs as indicated on the application.

7. Instructions, directions and guidance were provided to students concerning the availability of funds and application process through email, text, student newsletter, mystarkstate portal, SSC website, and through class announcements.

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