QUARTERLY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORTING UNDER CRRSAA SECTION 314 (a) (1) AND ARP ACTS: INSTITUTIONAL PORTION

Covering Quarter Ending: 05/31/2021 Institution Name: Mid-Plains Community College Date of Report: 06/12/2021

| Total Amount of Funds Awarded: Section (a)(1) Institutional Portion: \$2,716,778 | Section (a)(2): \$0 | Section (a)(3): 0 | |
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| Category | Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars | Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable | Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable |
| Providing additional emergency financial aid grants to students. | \$ 37,527.00 | | |
| Providing reimbursements for tuition, housing, room and board, or other fee refunds. | | | |
| Providing tuition discounts | | | |
| Covering the cost of providing additional technology hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets, or covering the added cost of technology fees | \$ 184,069.70 | | |
| Providing or subsidizing the costs of high-speed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment. | | | |
| Subsidizing off-campus housing costs due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions. | | | |
| Subsidizing food service to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing. | | | |
| Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations. | | | |
| Campus safety and operations. | | | |
| Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a single class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses. Replacing lost revenue due to reduced enrollment | \$ 5,802.16 | | |
| Replacing lost revenue from non-tuition sources (i.e., cancelled ancillary events; disruption of food service, dorms, childcare or other facilities; cancellation of use of campus venues by other organizations, lost parking revenue, etc.) | | | |
| Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction; or paying additional funds to staff who are providing training in addition to their regular job responsibilities. | | | |
| Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc. | | | |
| Other Uses of (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds. | | | |
| Other Uses of (a)(2) or (a)(3) funds, if applicable. | | | |
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Quarterly Expenditures for each Program \$

Total of Quarterly Expenditures \$

227,398.86 \$

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\$

Quarterly report for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

April 12, 2021: Quarterly Report Covering Expenditures

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) enacted by Congress on December 27, 2020 and March 11, 2021 provide institutions of higher education a two-part allocation. Funds from the student-portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) provide direct grant aid to eligible students whose education at MPCC was impacted by the coronavirus.

In compliance with CRRSAA and ARP reporting requirements, MPCC is reporting the use of funds distributed from the HEERF.

- 1. On January 19, 2021, and May 13, 2021, MPCC signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreements and assurances the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under the CRRSAA section 314 (a)(1) and ARP programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- 1. MPCC received \$387,473 on January 19, 2021 and \$1,519,446 on May 13, 2021 from the U.S. Department of Education totaling \$1,906,919 pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreements [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- 2. MPCC has awarded \$387,473 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students under Section (a)(1) of the CRRSAA and ARP programs (as of 5/31/21)
- 3. A total of approximately **3,759** enrolled students at MPCC are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA and ARP programs.
- 4. As of May 31, 2021, **946** students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA and ARP programs.
- 5. MPCC used the following method to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA and ARP programs.
 - a. Disbursement of CRRSAA and ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students issued through May 31, 2021 occurred first through automatic payments and second through supplemental applications.
 - b. Students eligible to receive funding from automatic disbursement of CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants were currently enrolled at MPCC during the Spring 2021 semester. Automatic distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students through CRRSAA funding occurred prior to implementation of new student eligibility guidance; therefore, MPCC remained consistent with CARES Act eligibility guidance for automatic funding distribution. Students who are considered international students, students enrolled in non-credit courses, and students enrolled in only online courses were not considered eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

- c. Students eligible to receive funding through the provided online CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students application process were currently enrolled at MPCC during the 2021 semester. Opening of the online application process for supplemental Emergency Financial Aid occurred after implementation of the new student eligibility guidance; therefore, MPCC adhered to the expanded eligibility requirements issued with the new guidance as was applicable to the online application. International students and students enrolled in only online courses that submitted applications to receive supplemental Emergency Financial Aid funding after April 13, 2021 were considered eligible.
- d. 82% of CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students were distributed through automatic transmission and weighted towards Pell eligibility and enrollment status. Automatic disbursements issued through May 31, 2021 were issued on the following maximum payment schedule based on a combination of EFC and enrollment status:

| | EFC range 0-5,711 | EFC range 5,712-10,000 | EFC range 10,001-20,000 | EFC range 20,001 plus |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Full-time | 600 | 500 | 400 | 200 |
| Three-quarter time | 450 | 375 | 300 | 150 |
| Half-time | 300 | 250 | 200 | 100 |
| Less than half-time | 150 | 125 | 100 | 50 |

- e. 18% of CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students were distributed to students with exceptional need through a supplemental application process. Students completed and submitted the Application for Stabilization Funds available on the MPCC website and provided an explanation generalizing the educational hardships incurred as a result of COVID-19.
- f. Applications were reviewed to ensure student applicants met funding eligibility requirements, documented costs incurred after March 13, 2020, and requested funds are related to campus closures as stipulated.
- g. Qualified student applicants received additional funding disbursements based on the number of enrolled credit hours. Disbursements issued through May 31, 2021were issued on the following maximum payment schedule:
 - i. \$600 per full-time student
 - ii. \$450 per 3/4 student
 - iii. \$300 per ½ student
 - iv. \$150 per part-time student
- 6. The MPCC institutional website (www.mpcc.edu) maintains current information on eligibility guidelines for HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students issued through federal stabilization funding. Students enrolled during the Spring 2021 semester received an email from the MPCC Director of Financial Aid with information on CRRSAA and ARP funding and issued guidance on accepting automatic distributions of grant aid. Additionally, The MPCC Director of Accounting issued a written letter that was distributed via email and with distributed checks to notify recipients of their

assistance funding. Applications selected to receive a second disbursement of emergency funds also received a letter of guidance for funding distribution. *Please see posted distribution documents



April 22, 2021

Re: CRRSAA Stabilization Grant Funds Distribution

Dear Student of Mid-Plains Community College:

Mid-Plains Community College received additional Federal student assistance dollars in January, 2021 resulting from continued financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 disruptions. Institutionally we have approved student distributions ranging from \$50-\$600, based upon student financial aid eligibility and enrollment status.

The enclosed payment is being made to you as an individual. Therefore, though you will see this distribution applied/disbursed on your student account statement, it will not be included in 1098-T grants or payment for the 2021 year. In addition, the Federal Government/IRS has determined such distributions are tax exempt at this time. We recommend retaining this letter with your check stub for your tax records.

Lastly, please continue to be alert to campus notices or student messages in regards to additional funding that may remain available.

Questions:

Financial Aid @ <u>browne@mpcc.edu</u> or (308) 535-3600 Business Office @ <u>petersonc@mpcc.edu</u> or (308) 535-3777



«first_name»,

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) authorized COVID-19 emergency relief funds for students. You have been awarded an emergency grant of \$«float_in_01_HEERF_II_amount» based on your FAFSA information on file with Mid-Plains Community College and your enrollment for Spring 2021 as of February 15th. As we are preparing to send you a check for your emergency grant, we would like to give you an opportunity to review your address information on file with MPCC and alert us to any changes. Checks will be sent out by mid-March.

Follow the steps below by 8:00 AM CST on Thursday, March 4th, 2021 so that we can make changes before checks are sent out.

To review your address information:

- 1. Log in to CampusWeb
- 2. Go to the Student Housing Tab
- 3. Click on "My Residence Information"
- 4. Click on "View Your Residence Information"

If your address information is correct, there is nothing further you need to do.

If you live in campus housing, your check will be delivered to your campus mailbox. Please verify that you have a room assigned on this page. If not, please see the Residence Life Director on your campus.

If you live off campus, please verify that your mailing address is correct. If it is incorrect, please email browne@mpcc.edu with your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Erinn M. Brown Area Director of Financial Aid Mid-Plains Community College

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