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HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND II (HEERF II) - CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSAA) CONSUMER INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE

On January 17, 2021, Morris College received \$740,606 in emergency grant funds for students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). In compliance with section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA, this amount represents the same amount of funds for the student allocation under the CARES Act Student Aid award. Following a thorough review of the emergency grant regulations and conditions, grant checks were processed on April 28, 2021.

CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with *exceptional need*, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants. In addition, the CRRSAA explicitly provides that financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education. Morris College will not use any of the funds to reimburse itself for any costs or expenses, including but not limited to any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus and/or any refunds or other benefit previously issued to students.

As of April 28, 2021, Morris College has awarded the full amount of \$740,606 from HEERF II - CRRSAA Grant funds to students. The Office of Financial Aid identified 356 students who were potentially eligible based on the guidance that defined an eligible student as a student enrolled in postsecondary education.

Morris College awarded the emergency grants to all eligible students who were enrolled as of March 16, 2021. The grant amount each student received was based on full-time or part-time enrollment and the check was sent to their home address. Three hundred thirty-four (334) students enrolled in twelve or more credit hours (full-time) received \$2,133. Twenty-two students (22) enrolled in less than twelve credit hours (part-time) received prorated amounts based on the number of credit hours enrolled, ranging from \$499 to \$2,099. All funds were disbursed through the Office of Financial Aid. The funds were awarded to students for expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as food, housing, health care, technology, course materials and childcare.

The maximum amount any student could receive in CRRSAA Emergency Grant funding is \$6,195, the maximum 2020-2021 Federal Pell Grant, the recommendation from the U.S. Department of Education as outlined in the CRRSAA. Since 99% of Morris College students are Pell Grant recipients, all 356 were considered to have exceptional need. Morris College's objective in this process was to be transparent and fair to each student to ensure that proper funding was distributed.

The Secretary of Education does not consider these individual Emergency grants to constitute Federal Financial Aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). These emergency grant funds were not be used for any purpose other than the direct payments of grants to the students for their expenses related to the coronavirus pandemic. All student designated funds received by Morris College from HEERF II - CRRSAA have been expended to the eligible students.

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