

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) Reporting for - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

March 15, 2021

In February 2021, Zane State College (ZSC) received funding to provide emergency grants to students for unforeseen expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The funding is from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II.

1. ZSC signed and returned the original Certification and Agreement acknowledging the HEERF Emergency Grant funds to the U. S. Department of Education through grants.gov in April 2020 and received notification that that additional funding was approved under HEERF II in January 2021. ZSC is committed to using no less than 50 percent of the funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. ZSC received \$501,082 in HEERF II emergency grant funds for students.
3. ZSC distributed \$501,082 of HEERF II funds to students as of February 15, 2021. This was sent to qualified students enrolled in courses for spring 2021.
4. ZSC estimates the number of students eligible to participate in Title IV programs is 799 students for spring 2021.
5. A total number of 799 students have received HEERF II Emergency Grant funding as of February 15, 2021 for spring 2021.
6. ZSC distributed the funds automatically to qualified students based on eligibility criteria. Student awards range from \$525 to \$725 per student. The automatic distribution method was chosen this time as we found that the application process used to distribute the original HEERF funds was identified as a barrier to students in need.
7. All students (excluding high school students) enrolled for spring semester were notified of the emergency funding and instructed on the process by which the funds would be distributed. The College also added information on our webpage regarding the HEERF II distribution which included FAQs on CARES Act Emergency Funding Grants.

This is the final quarterly report for HEERF II funds.