St. Francis College Federal Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Q1 2022 Report

St. Francis College (SFC) signed and returned a Certification & Agreement with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds from Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) established first by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), then subsequently HEERF II authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and HEERF III authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. This aid helps students cover emergency costs that have arisen due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

HEERF Reporting

As of March 31, 2022, SFC received \$6,448,766 in total to fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. This includes:

HEERF: \$1,336,630

o As of March 1, 2021

Number of Recipients: 1378Amount Awarded: \$1,335,850.00

HEERF II: \$1,336,630

o As of June 30, 2021

Number of Recipients: 818Amount Awarded: \$1,336,630.00

➤ **HEERF III:** \$3,775,506

As of March 31, 2022

Number of Recipients: 1624Amount Awarded: \$3,639,963

 The estimated number of students potentially eligible to receive a HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grant in quarter 1 of 2022 is 2489.

HEERF III Emergency Student Aid Criteria and Eligibility

Federal HEERF III funds are available to all undergraduate and graduate students in accordance with Federal guidance. This included enrolled students who had submitted a FAFSA, enrolled students who did not submit a FAFSA, international students and DACA students. Students received an email with the link to the SFC HEERF III informational webpage and HEERF III Grant Application form that had to be completed (https://www.sfc.edu/studentlife/finaid/heerf).

Students must complete the online grant application to be considered for emergency aid. Students must indicate that they incurred emergency cost related to their cost of attendance or another situation due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, health care (including mental health care) or child care and verify that they have eligible expenses in the amount of the grant that they received. The amount of the grant was determined based on exceptional need, which was defined as undergraduate students who receive Pell Grants or graduate students with an expected family contribution of less than or equal to \$5,700. Eligible students with exceptional need are eligible to receive grants of up to \$3,000. All other eligible students are eligible to receive grants of up to \$1,500. Pell-eligible students were eligible to receive an additional student emergency grant of \$831.54 beginning in February 2022.