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Correction to use totals through 12/31/2021 instead of through 01/10/2022.

Federal Emergency Grants Quarter 4

Quarter 4: Oct 1, 2021 to Dec 31, 2021

South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) signed & returned a Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education to accept the allocated funds from the [American Rescue Act \(ARP\), Public Law 117-2](#), signed into law on March 11, 2021. The ARP established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) to provide emergency financial aid grants. These critical funds help eligible SPSCC students cover expenses related to an emergency situation.

Federal Emergency Aid Grant Reporting

1. As of December 31, 2021, the total amount of funds SPSCC received from the Department for distribution to Students is **\$8,188,777**. In addition to this amount SPSCC re-purposed **\$739,569** during 2021 from the Institutional Aid portion to award to Students Emergency Aid Grants.
2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under HEERF III as of Dec 31, 2021 is **\$8,873,346**.
3. The estimated total number of students at SPSCC eligible to received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF III during quarter 4 was **4599**.
4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under HEERF III during quarter 4 is **1512**.
5. The methods used to determine which student receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:

All students receiving grants must meet these criteria:

- Students must be enrolled during eligible quarters.
- Maximum total award per student cannot exceed maximum Pell amount.
- Submit COVID Emergency Student Needs Request application which includes statement of the students COVID impact.

Additional criteria used for the grant—

- Students were awarded a \$1750 Emergency Financial Aid Grant for needs including food, books, tuition, housing, and other.
- Students were awarded an additional \$500 Emergency Financial Aid Grant to use towards technology if they had not previously received a technology award for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Students were able to submit an application once during the term.

Instructions, directions and guidance are provided to grant applicants via email and text each quarter, in addition to being published on the South Puget Sound Community College website. In addition, outreach targeted to Pell Eligible students who have not applied is done at least once a quarter.