

Northwestern Michigan College use of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds

Quarterly Report for the period ended December 31, 2021

ARPA HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND - HEERF III

On May 24, 2021 NMC signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to participate in the additional HEERF, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARPA). NMC was allocated a total of \$7,212,333 in HEERF III; \$3,532,817 for institutional support and NMC is obligated to spend at least \$3,679,516 for direct grants to students.

This serves as NMC's quarterly report on HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid direct student grants distributed to students from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021:

- Total amount distributed to students during the quarter: \$13,825
- Estimate the total number of NMC students who were eligible to receive HEERF III Grants during the quarter: 17
- Total number of students (unduplicated) who received HEERF III Grants: 17

For the ARPA awarding, NMC used information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to prioritize students with financial need. We did not use an application, but auto-awarded students.

- For Fall 2021 semester, as reported in the last quarter report, we awarded students in the Pell-eligible range EFC a \$1,500 grant and all other enrolled students received \$725.
- Awards made October through December, 2021, were to students who enrolled later in Fall semester and qualified for an award, or submitted a FAFSA later that made them eligible for a higher grant.

Students were notified by college email a few days in advance of the disbursement amount and the allowable uses of the funds.