

**Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021  
(CRRSAA)**

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II**

Status Report #2

*As of August 26,, 2021*

On January 14, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education issued a press release announcing an additional \$21.2 billion is available for institutions of higher education and has been allocated to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act signed into law on December 27, 2020.

The Northern Marianas College was allocated an additional **\$919,666** to its student portion and is to be awarded directly to students to provide emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

As part of receiving these funds, the College is required to submit a report to the Secretary within thirty (30) days and updated every 45 days thereafter. The report should describe how funds were distributed to students. NMC provides the following information:

1. Northern Marianas College acknowledges that the authorized representative received the Recipient's Funding Supplemental Agreement and Grant Award Notification (*Award No. P425E200216 - 20A*) on January 17, 2021, and assures that the institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314 (a)(1) of the CRRSA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. A total amount of **\$919,666** which will be provided directly to NMC students impacted by campus disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  
2. As of July 6, 2021 a total of **\$369,997.76**, about 40%, has been disbursed to **1028 (758 full time students and 270 part time students)** students enrolled in Spring 2021. 123 students were deemed ineligible due to visa status, dual enrollment, and complete withdrawal or dropped.
  
3. NMC established a Student Determination Criteria below:
  - a. Students must be current full-time (FT) or part-time (PT) students for Spring 2021. For Spring 2021, all eligible full and part-time students were

equally distributed \$359.92 via paper checks or applied toward their tuition, if given prior authorization by the student.

b. Students participating in the University of Guam (UOG) consortium agreement and who identified UOG as their home school, will not be eligible for NMC disbursement. Funds will be provided through UOG.

c. Students who are attending Maricopa County Community College (Rio Salado) through a consortium agreement with NMC and who identified NMC as their home school are considered eligible.