

American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARPA)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II

Status Report #1

As of December 31, 2021

On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education issued a press release announcing an additional \$39.6 billion is available for institutions of higher education and has been allocated to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act signed into law on March 11, 2021.

The Northern Marianas College was allocated **\$2,858,150.00** 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 Agreement and Grant Award Notification (*Award No. P425E200216*) on May 20, 2021, and assures that the institution intends to use the funds received under Section 2003 of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. A total amount of **\$2,858,150.00** which will be provided directly to NMC students impacted by campus disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. As of December 31, 2021 a total of **\$1,438,657.92**, has been disbursed to **1302** (1010 full time students and 292 part time students) students enrolled in Fall 2021. 12 students were deemed ineligible due to complete withdrawal.
3. NMC established a Student Determination Criteria below:
 - a. Students must be enrolled during Fall 2021, regardless of whether they were full-time or part-time status. For Fall 2021, all eligible full and part-time students were equally distributed \$1,104.96 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.