CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) Report and Disclosure as of September 28, 2021 – 3rd Quarter (July-August 2021) FINAL

(1) An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

As an existing public CARES Act grantee, the CRRSAA authorized supplemental awards to existing Student Aid Portion and Institutional Portion grantees. These institutions will not be required to submit new or revised applications to the Department to receive these new funds. Pursuant to the agreement, UNO will use the same dollar amount on CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students as it was required to spend under the CARES Act.

- (2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) \$5,379,637
- (3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter). **\$1,065,387 in QTR 3 (\$5,379,637 total)**
- (4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1). **6,938**
- (5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs. For QTR 3 300 new students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant; and 3,150 previously awarded students received a supplemental grant (5,026 total, unduplicated)
- (6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA (a)(1) programs.

UNO's CRRSAA HEERF II Student Emergency Grant Distribution

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Students were emailed an initial communication advising of available funding and how to complete the HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grant application. This communication included the following guidance:

- Emergency financial aid grants for student may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.
- In alignment with guidelines from the U.S Department of Education, UNO will prioritize students with exceptional need.

After students submitted the HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grant application and were awarded funds, a second communication was sent with the following guidance:





- If you provided consent on your application to utilize the funds toward your UNO student account, then the funds will credit your student account first and the remainder will be
 - refunded to you, if applicable.
- You may use these funds to help you with expenses related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Specifically, these emergency grant funds may be used for any component of your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Please use these funds in a manner consistent with your HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid grant application.

