Centre College

American Rescue Plan (ARP/HEERF III) Emergency Financial Aid Grants Quarterly and Final Report

June 30, 2021

Centre College makes this quarterly status and final report in compliance with Federal Regulation from the Department of Education.

Centre College has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. Centre has usde the allocated funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan/HEERF III Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Centre College has received \$1,262,086 from the Department of Education pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to our students who were enrolled during the spring 2021 semester. Every enrolled student received an award from ARP funds.

Centre's plan for disbursing these funds was discussed by Senior Staff on May 18th and finalized on June 14th, 2021. Our plan granted funds to all enrolled students spring semester 2021 with preference given to students who had demonstrated need as determined through federal and institutional methodologies. Every enrolled student was deemed eligible through the most recent guidance from the Department of Education.

Our plan focuses most intensely with our neediest students, following the spirit of the Department of Education's encouragement. We used three levels of need in determining for domestic students, Pell eligible and those who had applied for aid and had any demonstrated need. Domestic students without aid applications on file for the 2020-21 academic year received a lower award. Likewise, we used three levels of need for international students drawing on institutional information.

While all students are affected, our highest-need students are least likely to have sufficient resources in these areas and have struggled the most to meet their education and new pandemic related expenses.

We utilized the above defined tiers of need to help students who experienced extraordinary expenses and challenges due to the disruptions to their education caused by the Covid-19 National Emergency. Exact tiers and award amounts are outlined below. These expenses include the food, housing, quality internet access, electricity and technology normally provided by the college as well as tuition, room, board, books and travel to and from college. These expenses are now different during the National Emergency and are being met at home as well as being shouldered differently by students on campus.

Our Centre ARP/HEERF III Emergency Aid funding went to 1298 students which represents 100% of our eligible spring enrolled students. Overall, 84% of our ARP Emergency Student Aid grant went to students with need. Our tiered awards were: \$1,625 for Pell eligible EFCs (N=264), \$1,025 for students with any demonstrated need above Pell eligibility (N=539), \$450 for domestic

students with no need or those with no aid application (N=427). International students with the highest need received \$2,001 (N=11), those with high need \$1,025 (N=22) and those with no need \$350 (N=33). Two international students who made previous special appeals and application were granted higher amounts. Some attempt was made to provide greater awards to students who had not been eligible for previous HEERF Emergency Aid grants. Students were notified individually via their Centre email address of their awards and solicited for the best address to send their checks.

This is the first and final report for our ARP/HEERF III Emergency Aid which has been fully expended.

Respectfully Submitted July 8, 2021 by Kevin Lamb, Associate Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Director of Financial Aid.