HEERF Funds Initial Report

St. John Fisher College acknowledges that the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

 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.

\$1,340,902

2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

\$1,340,902

 The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

2,775

4. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

835

5. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The College awarded funds to students through a three-question application process. Students requested the amount needed to help cover their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The College also received documentation of expenses accrued by certain groups of students. Maximum amounts have been established based on a student's EFC and enrollment status. Students were required to be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA to receive funds.

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

6/15/2020 - The application link was made available to all students on Fish'R'Net.

6/15/2020 – An email was sent to 721 students notifying them of the availability of emergency grant funds, eligibility requirements, and a link to the application to apply.

6/22/2020 – An email was sent to the remaining 2,024 students designated as eligible. The email notified the student of the availability of emergency grant funds, eligibility requirements, and a link to the application to apply.

7/2/2020 – An announcement was placed on the College's Financial Aid website (go.sjfc.edu/financial-aid) regarding the availability of emergency grant funds. The announcement detailed the eligibility requirements and a link to the application to apply.

Students were notified via email as their application was processed.

7/20/2020 - Application was removed from Fish'R'Net.