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Utilization of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds: Student Portion Quarterly Report (September 30, 2021) - FINAL REPORT

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The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (“CRRSAA”) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) provides institutions with funding to make cash grants to students for expenses related to the coronavirus pandemic. CRRSAA grants are intended to be used for the cost of attendance or for emergency expenses incurred due to COVID, such as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare.

As required in Section 134(c)(3) of the CRRSAA guidance, Misericordia University (“Misericordia” or the “University”) must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need. In complying with this guidance, Misericordia will disburse funds to students who have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”) for the 2020-2021 academic year.

In accordance with CRRSAA regulations and guidance issued by the United States Department of Education, Misericordia issues the following quarterly report concerning the award received by the University under CRRSAA HEERF consisting of funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. Acknowledgement of Funding and Certification

Institutions who received HEERF I grant funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) were not required to submit an application for the HEERF II grant. Misericordia University received its CRRSAA HEERF II Grant Award Notification on January 16, 2021.

2. Funds Awarded for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Misericordia received its CRRSAA HEERF II Grant Award Notification on January 16, 2021. In keeping with the terms of acceptance of these funds, Misericordia will use no less than \$768,199, as stated under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

3. Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed to Students to Date Under CRRSAA

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed by Misericordia to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA as of the date of this report is \$861,300.

4. Eligible Students

Misericordia students in the Spring 2021 semester who were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 were considered for eligibility to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

5. Eligible Students Receiving CRRSAA Aid

As of the date of this report, 1,491 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

6. Distribution Method

Based on the list of eligible students as determined from Item 4 above, Misericordia developed and used grant amount computations to calculate Emergency Financial Aid Grant Awards that were distributed to students via a Misericordia University check.

7. Communication to Students Concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants

Students were notified via e-mail they would be receiving an Emergency Financial Aid Grant check under CRRSAA. The e-mail described the origin and purpose of the funds along with examples of eligible expenses as detailed in the first paragraph of this report. Students were directed to contact the Student Financial Services office with questions.