

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF III)
under the ARP Act
Emergency Relief Grants for Students
September 30, 2021– Quarterly Report**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

Public and private non-profit IHEs that already had received HEERF funding from the CARES or CRRSAA Act were not required to submit a new or revised application to receive additional funding under the ARP. Northern Wyoming Community College (NWCCD) had previously been allotted \$1,175,360 in funding for emergency grants to students from the HEERF I and HEERF II programs. On May 12, 2021, NWCCD was allotted an additional \$2,586,087 designated for financial aid grants to students. Because our president, Dr. Walt Tribbley, had already signed a Certification and Agreement for the first disbursement of HEERF funds, we were only required to draw down a small claim from the HEERF III funding, within 90 days, to extend the terms of the original grant contract. We claimed \$100 of HEERF III funding on July 27, 2021, meeting this requirement.

Directors from NWCCD's Financial Aid and Business Office are reviewing ways to allocate this new funding that will prioritize students with exceptional need and provide financial aid in multiple semesters of the 2021 Academic Year. Plans are underway to begin distribution in October of 2021.