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March 29, 2021

Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
Via Mail and Email to HEERF@ed.gov

Re: March 31, 2021 Report on CARES/HEERF II Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Dear Secretary Cardona,

On April 13, 2020, the Community College of Philadelphia (“the College”) signed the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (“Certification”). This Certification relates to the student portion of the funding in the amount of \$8,051,216 which the College was pleased to receive to assist students that have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

On February 9, 2021, the Community College of Philadelphia received grant notification of the Student Allocation of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Grant #P425E200794 – 20A. This notification relates to the student portion of the funding in the amount of \$8,051,216.

In accordance with the Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act, the College is required to submit a report to the United States Department of Education within thirty (30) days of signing the Certification and every forty-five (45) days through August, and then quarterly thereafter on: (1) how grants were distributed to the students, (2) the amount of each grant awarded to each student; (3) how the amount of each grant was calculated, and (4) any instructions or directions given to students about the grants.

On May 6, 2020, the United States Department of Education issued new guidance directing institutions to post certain information on the College’s primary website detailing the following:

- 1) An acknowledgement that the College has signed and returned the Certification, and assurance that the College has used or intends to use no less than 50% of the funds for student grants;
- 2) The total amount of CARES Act funding that the College will receive or has received pursuant to the College’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students;

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- 3) The total amount of grants distributed to students under 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of the College's submission/posting (i.e., 30 days after receiving allocation, and every 45 days thereafter);
- 4) The estimated total number of students at the College eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV;
- 5) Total number of students who have received a grant under 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act;
- 6) The method(s) the College used to determine which students receive grants, and how much they would receive; and
- 7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The College received the student aid portion of its funding under the CARES Act on April 21, 2020 and posted all of the above information on the College's website at <https://myccp.online/how-access-virtual-student-support-services> before May 21, 2020.

The College will continue to update its website quarterly with this information. The next posting will be on or before March 31, 2021.

As of March 31, 2021, with regards to the CARES Act Student Grant, the College has estimated that 9,055 students at the College were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV for fall 2020 of which 6,073 were identified as CARES Act Student Grant eligible. \$7,703,350 of the CARES Act funds have been distributed directly to students via check or direct deposit. 5,685 students have received grants of at least \$500. In attachment A, we have provided the individual award disbursements per student under 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act to date.

The College used the following methods to determine which students received CARES Act grants and how much they would receive:

- a. Allowable Maximum Award Amount per Expense Category:
 - i. Books and Supplies: \$500-750
 - ii. Transportation: \$500 - \$750 (based on monthly transpass cost of \$100)
 - iii. Food: \$1,500
 - iv. Housing (rent, utilities, etc.): \$1,000
 - v. Healthcare: \$1,000
 - vi. Childcare: \$750

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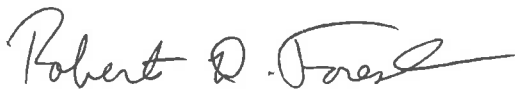
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As of March 31, 2021, with regards to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, the College is currently finalizing its list of eligible students under the current guidelines, the method the College will use to determine which students receive grants and how much they will receive/are eligible to receive and creating the application form to apply for the grants and directions for students.

The instructions, directions, and guidance provided by the College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants is located on the College's website along with Additional CARES Act student Consumer Information and Instructions may be viewed through the Virtual Student Support Services page on MyCCP at <https://myccp.online/how-access-virtual-student-support-services>.

Sincerely,



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