HEERF Update – Department of Education (Part I)

June 10, 2021

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Panelist:
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Later Today: Discussion Hour @ 5pm EDT on Costing Hot Topics

• Must register separately (link sent to registered attendees, will also be in the chat window)

• Zoom meeting – ability to engage directly with COGR staff, panelists, and each other

• A discussion on a variety of costing issues, including: NIH-PMS system concerns, recent NSF-OIG audit finding (F&A cost rate application), F&A cost rate proposal issues, Data Management and costing, and reactions to OMB and Education (HEERF) sessions.
HEERF Update – University Perspectives (Part II)

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Panelists:
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Jeffrey Silber, Sr. Director, Sponsored Financial Services, Cornell University
Lindsey Tepe, Director of Governmental Affairs, APLU
HEERF at the University of South Alabama

Julie Schwindt

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Our Approach – Institutional Awards (84.425F)

Majority of expenditures until now:

• Housing and meal plan refunds – Spring 2020 term
• Expansion of campus WiFi - ongoing
• Lost revenue
• ‘Student Peer Coach’ project
Our Approach – Institutional Awards (84.425F)

Going forward:

• Internal proposals
  – Committee decision-making approach
  – Working closely with external counsel and audit firm

• F&A at OSA rate
  – Initially sponsored instruction - changed when guidance expanded
  – Rate agreement MTDC base doesn’t address some of the items we are expending funds on. So, we have excluded:
    • Housing and meal plan refunds
    • Lost revenue
Our Approach – Institutional Awards (84.425F)

Compliance and reporting:
• Internal proposals help document funded campus efforts and how they relate to the FAQs in effect at the time the decision was made
• Establishing internal sub-funds to facilitate quarterly and annual reports
Our Approach – Student Awards (84.425E)

- **Not** managed in Student Financial Aid

- Application process
  - Addresses COVID related need and changes to need documented by FAFSA
  - Clarification of use for COA items
  - Certification

- Documenting exceptional need via an internal need score

- Affirmative consent for future emergency student aid
Questions?

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Internal Chronology

- April 2020, Cornell accepted HEERF-I (CARES) student funding ($6.4M)
- July 2020, accepted HEERF-I institutional funding ($6.4M)
- January 2021, received HEERF-II (CRRSA) institutional award ($12.1M)
- March 2021, received HEERF-II student award ($6.4M)
- May 2021, received HEERF-III student and institutional awards ($16.6M each)

- Total awarded $29.4M student, $35.1M institutional

- HEERF is an important safety net component for our students and institution
Internal considerations

- Acceptance
- Management
- Uses and allowable costs
  - Student
  - Institutional
- Documentation and reporting
- Audit
  - FY20 Single Audit
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## Department of Education: Higher Ed Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

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COVID-19 Education Relief: Public Database

https://covid-relief-data.ed.gov/
COVID-19 Education Relief: Institutional Data on Funds Awarded & Spent

- ED team has been regularly updating the data and functionality of the website
- As of now, HEER funds awarded and spent are not disaggregated by CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARPA funds
- When ARPA funds are added to awards, the overall percent of funds spent will decrease significantly
Q & A