## Technical College of the Lowcountry Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) ARPA Initial Fund Report January 10, 2022

- 1. In March 2021, Congress released the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provided additional funding for institutions of higher education and their students.
- 2. Technical College of the Lowcountry, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's Certification and Agreement previously signed under ARPA.
- 3. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive from the Department, pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$2,616,263.
- 4. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students on **December 16**, **2021** under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARPA Act is **\$562,450**.
- 5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARPA Act is **1,511**.
- 6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARPA Act were:
  - a. The college ran a report of all fall term students who were Title IV Eligible. This report indicated which of the students received Pell grants.
  - b. There was a population of students who had not completed a FAFSA. Those were manually vetted for Title IV eligibility.
  - c. Based on the funding available, the college made the decision to award based on a formula that considered student enrolled credit hours and EFC (need). Awards ranged from \$250.00 to \$750.00 per student.
- 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants: Instructions and guidance were sent to students on November 29, 2021 about the grant funding and the ability to consent to apply funds to the Fall 2021 tuition and fees balance. See attached emails that were sent to all students who received the grant.