UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Quarterly Report

September 30, 2021

- 1. UNCSA acknowledges that it has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Pub. L. 116-260, which is governed by Section 314 of CRRSAA. The total amount authorized funds awarded to UNCSA for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students of CARES was \$434,443.
- 2. UNCSA has received \$434,443 from the Department of Education pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for HEERF II (CRRSAA) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The total received for HEERF I (CARES) and HEERF II (CRRSAA) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is \$868,886.
- The total amount of HEERF II (CRRSAA) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students distributed to students as of September 22, 2021, is \$434,443. The total amount of both HEERF I (CARES) and HEERF II (CRRSA) Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of September 30, 2021, is \$868,886.
- 4. Estimated total number of students that ere eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid to Student under CRRSSA (HERRF II) is 575.
- 5. The total number of students at the UNCSA who received a HEERF II (CRRSAA) Emergency Financial Aid Grant as of September 30, 2021, is 560.
- 6. Methods used by UNCSA to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants:
 - Block Grants were provided to Undergraduate and Graduate Students with Title IV need based on 2020-21 FAFSA completion. Categories of need were determined based on tiers of EFC ranges, with the neediest undergraduates in Pell-eligible EFC ranges receiving the highest block grant of \$1,200. Additional block grant amounts to undergraduates, based on EFC ranges (lower EFC/higher need) were \$1,100, \$500 and \$200. Graduate students with Title IV need received a block grant of \$500.
 - Students with additional emergency needs for any component of their cost of attendance or emergency costs due to COVID-19 could apply for additional emergency grants using a designated application. Upon submission, the application was reviewed by committee to determine the specific dollar amount granted. Amounts granted may vary based on individual situations and circumstances.

- 7. Instructions, directions and guidance were provided by UNCSA to students concerning the CRRSAA/HEERF II Block and Emergency Grants via an all-campus email sent to all college students in March 2021. Key paragraphs of that email providing instructions and guidance included:
 - College students who submitted a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) indicating demonstrated need (and eligibility for Title IV federal financial aid) are eligible for HEERF II or GEERF. UNCSA is using a model designed to distribute funds as quickly as possible to students with the greatest need. Funds received through this process are meant to provide pandemic relief to promote student success for currently enrolled students. Funds will be allocated in a tiered fashion for undergraduates in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$1,200, with the most in-need Pell Grant-eligible students receiving \$1,200. Graduate students demonstrating need will receive \$500. These funds will be distributed by the end of March.
 - Other than ensuring you have direct deposit set up on your UNCSA student account, no action or form will be required for enrolled students who completed a FAFSA and have demonstrated need. College students can still file a 2020-21 FAFSA, which must be received by April 15 to be considered for a distribution, pending availability of funds.
 - If you did not demonstrate need after submitting a 2020-21 FAFSA, or if you have greater needs than those addressed by HEERF II or GEERF, other funds may be available to you through an additional process. You will need to complete an <u>emergency</u> request form to apply for emergency assistance.