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> ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Status Report #1 As of September 30, 2021

On March 11, 2021, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) was authorized through the American Rescue Plan and provided \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to assist during the COVID-19 pandemic. The University of Guam was allocated an additional \$6,092,081 to its student portion and is to be awarded directly to students to provide emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

As part of receiving these funds, the University is required to submit quarterly reports. The report should describe how funds were distributed to students. The University provides the following information:

- 1. The University of Guam confirms and acknowledges that the Certification of Agreement for the student portion was signed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education and will use the cumulative amount of \$10,656,799 received under as direct aid to eligible students.
- 2. The University's plan for HEERF III has been to provide aid grants to students enrolled in the Summer 2021 (\$703K), Fall 2021 (\$2M) and Spring 2022 (\$2M) semesters. The University has also provided all students enrolled at any point from March 13, 2020 an opportunity to receive an additional emergency aid grant through an application process (\$1.38M).
- 3. As of 9/30/21, the University paid \$704,800 to 901 students enrolled in the Summer 2021 semester.
- 4. It was determined that a UOG student enrolled in the Summer 2021 semester as of July 14, 2021 and met the eligibility requirements would receive an emergency aid grant. The grant amount would be determined by the students' enrollment status and Pell Grant eligibility. Grant amounts were determined to be \$1,000 for a full-time Pell eligible student, \$700 for a full-time non-Pell eligible student, \$850 for a part-time Pell eligible student, and \$700 for a part time non-Pell eligible student and graduate students.
- 5. The University has dedicated a page on its website providing guidance and information on the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and can be found at https://www.uog.edu/cares-act.

This report is the first quarterly report for the Student Portion funds received under HEERF III. Funds from HEERF I and HEERF II have been fully expended.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: University of Guam Community