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**Westmont College – Department of Education – American Rescue Plan (ARP)**

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**

**Section 314(a)(1) Student Portion Reporting Disclosure**

Westmont College (Westmont) received additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. Funding was received on May 20, 2021. Institutions, including Westmont, that received HEERF grant funds under the CARES Act of 2020 were not required to submit an application to receive additional HEERF funding from subsequent Acts, including the ARP Act.

Westmont received $1,165,077 in aid from the Department of Education under the ARP Act. With this aid, total funds for student Emergency Financial Aid Grants received from the Department of Education from all three emergency relief distributions (CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP) amounted to $2,116,069.

In keeping with the terms of acceptance of the ARP funds, Westmont will use no less than the awarded amount to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students. As of December 31, 2021, Westmont has expended $1,080,400 in grants to students. Westmont publicized to students the availability of these funds and how to request consideration for additional funds beyond the standard awarding process noted in the following paragraph. Westmont anticipates awarding the remaining $84,677 during the first quarter of 2022.

The method to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under the ARP Act is based on unmet need.  Grants range from $200 to $2,300 per student. Students with greater unmet need receive larger grants than students with lower (or no) unmet need.  The number of student recipients of ARP funds thus far is 1,113, and the average grant amount is $971.

Students were given the option to have the Emergency Financial Aid Grant sent directly to them or applied directly to their student account to offset current charges. Affirmative confirmation was required to apply the grant to a student’s account. If otherwise requested, a check was mailed to them.