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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 used the entire awarded amount to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students. As of March 31, 2022, Westmont has expended \$1,191,400 in grants to students, which is \$26,323 more than was awarded to Westmont through ARP. Westmont publicized to students via email and hard copy announcements the availability of these funds and how to request consideration for additional funds beyond the standard awarding process noted in the following paragraph.

The method to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they received under the ARP Act was based on unmet need. Grants ranged from \$200 to \$2,300 per student. Students with greater unmet need received larger grants than students with lower (or no) unmet need. The number of student recipients of ARP funds was 1,269 and the average grant amount was \$938.

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 or if there was no affirmative confirmation, a check was mailed to them.

As of 03/31/2022, all of the ARP student-portion funds have been distributed as financial aid grants to students, although not all funds have yet been requested from the Department of Education. The final distribution to Westmont is expected to occur in April 2022.